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BUCKET BATTLE: Southwestern boys basketball retained the Old Oaken Bucket with a 60-45 win over Madison Nov. 21 at Connor K. Salm Gym in the annual Turkey Shootout. The Rebels celebrate with the bucket including (from left): Front row — Mitch Mingione, Trevor Smith, Norman Jones; back row — Gavyn Mundt, Billy Eccles, Hunter Mefford, Shane Mills, Foster Mefford, Zach Cole, Matthew Williams, Austin Kramer, Tyler Kramer, Tanner Williams, Jeff Bibb, Isaac Brown and Logan Williams. (Courier staff photo by David Campbell)

Southwestern boys No. 1 in state poll

For the first time in the program's history, the Southwestern Rebels have earned the No. 1 spot in the boys basketball Class 2A AP poll.

The Rebels' season record is 11-1 going into this weekend's games against Trimble County Friday and Lanesville Saturday. Their first and only loss of the season was to the Madison Cubs before Christmas. The team survived a pair of tough challenges to win the North Decatur Invitational for the second consecutive year on Dec. 28, 2018. Southwestern coach Jerry Bomholt said at the time he was pleased with the way his team played, especially as they learn to cope without injured starter Hunter Mefford. "We're still trying to piece together some things because our depth was really affected with the injury to Hunter and with the loss of (Shane Mills to transfer)," Bomholt said after the inivitational tournament. "It's a tremendous honor for us," said Athletic Director Tom Scroggins of the ranking. "The kids deserve all the credit." Southwestern schools return Friday after the holiday break.

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FIRE SCARE AT COLLEGE



Firefighters took to the roof to ensure that a fire at Ide Hall at Hanover College late Monday morning was out. Sprinklers had doused much of the fire as firefighters arrived to the scene. (Courier staff photos by Trenton Scroggins)

Sprinklers, responders quash fire at Hanover College



Ide Hall at Hanover College was the scene late Monday morning of what is believed to be an electrical fire that started in a storage room.

Hanover Fire Assistant Chief Bryan Crafton said the fire was in an area that had been used at one time as a kitchen for the campus. It is now home to The Other Place, where theatre presentations occur, and a men's dormitory. The college has been on holiday break. Offices will be open today and students will return for winter term, which begins Jan. 7.

Crafton said the fire was accidental. Smoke spread throughout the building, but the fire and water damage were contained to a small area.

"We were lucky in the fact that the sprinklers kicked on and they responded as fast as they did," said Carter Cloyd with Hanover College's communications office.

No injuries were reported. The Hanover Fire Department, Kent Fire Department and City of Madison Fire engines responded. Volunteer firefighters from Madison Township Fire also

House Democrats unveil measure for re-opening government

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats unveiled a package of bills Monday that would re-open the federal government without approving funding for President Donald Trump's border wall with Mexico, establishing an early confrontation that will test the new power dynamic in Washington.

The House is preparing to vote as soon as the new Congress convenes Thursday, as one of the first acts after Democrats take control, according to an aide who was not authorized to discuss the plan and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Democrats under Nancy Pelosi are all but certain to swiftly approve the two bills, making good on their pledge to try to quickly resolve the partial government shutdown that's now in its second week. What's unclear is whether the Republican-led Senate, under Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, will consider either measure — or if Trump would sign them into law.

"It would be the height of irresponsibility and political cynicism for Senate Republicans to now reject the same legislation they have already supported," Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said in a statement late Monday.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The package does not include the \$5 billion Trump wants for the wall on the southern border.

The president told Fox News Channel in an interview Monday that he was "ready, willing and able" to negotiate. He added: "No, we are not giving up. We have to have border security and the wall is a big part of border security."

McConnell spokesman Donald Stewart made it clear Senate Republicans will not take action without Trump's backing. "It's simple: The Senate is not going to send something to the president that he won't sign," he said.

Republican senators are refusing to vote on any bills until all sides, including Trump, are in agreement. Senators were frustrated that Trump had dismissed their earlier legislation to avert the shutdown.

House Democrats did not confer with Senate Republicans on the package, but the bills are expected to have some bipartisan support because they reflect earlier spending measures already hashed out between the parties and chambers.

One bill will temporarily fund the Department of Homeland Security at current levels, with \$1.3 billion for border security, through Feb. 8, while talks continue.

The other will be on a measure made up of six other bipartisan bills — some that have already passed the Sen-

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Garbage, feces take toll on national parks in shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Human feces, overflowing garbage, illegal off-roading and other damaging behavior in fragile areas were beginning to overwhelm some of the West's iconic national parks, as a partial government shutdown left the areas open to visitors but with little staff on duty.

"It's a free-for-all," Dakota Snider, 24, who lives and works in Yosemite Valley, said by telephone Monday, as Yosemite National Park officials announced closings of some minimally supervised campgrounds and public areas within the park that are overwhelmed.

"It's so heartbreaking. There is more trash and human waste and disregard for the rules than I've seen in my four years living here," Snider said.

The partial federal government shutdown, now into its 11th day, has forced furloughs of hundreds of thousands of federal government employees. This has left many

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Photos from the Lexington Police Department Facebook page.

Kentucky police 'mourn' loss of doughnut truck in a fire

LEXINGTON, Kentucky (AP) — Police in Kentucky found some humor after an empty doughnut truck caught fire.

WKYT-TV reports no one was injured when the Krispy Kreme driver stopped Monday after noticing smoke in the cab of his truck after a delivery in Morehead. The fire was extinguished quickly and the cause remains undetermined.

Lexington police posted photos on social media of the blackened side of the truck and officers jokingly mourning the truck's loss. The post was accompanied by the comment, "No words."

Police departments from across the country chimed in to offer their condolences. The New York City Police Department tweeted, "Hang tight, we are sending backup forthwith...we hope you like sprinkles."

Other Facebook comments read, "I cannot imagine a cruller fate;" "Counseling is available. Don't carry this inside you;" and "Condolences to Krispy Kreme, I'm sure this won't get glazed over."



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'One of the guys' at UK frat is 1st with Down Syndrome

By LINDA BLACKFORD Lexington Herald-Leader

LEXINGTON (AP) -Friday is cleanup day at the University of Kentucky's FarmHouse Fraternity on Rose Lane, and the place hummed with vacuum cleaners overlaid on the dulcet tones of Lynyrd Skynryd and the occasional 'thwack' of a pool ball.

Having finished his duties, fraternity member Josh Banks was playing pool in the big TV room. It's his favorite thing to do in his favorite place to be, at the fraternity with his friends and brothers. For FarmHouse, it was a typical day. For fraternity life in the United States, it was anything but.

Banks, after all, is 33 and has Down Syndrome. He was inducted earlier this year as an associate member. FarmHouse members say it's the first time in UK history, and maybe even in the country, that a person with Down Syndrome has been inducted into a college fraternitv. He is an "associate" because he doesn't attend UK, but has all the other rights and privileges of a fraternity member.

President Ben Bohannon called the decision a no-brainer that the fraternity members agreed to without much dis-

"He's so happy here," Bohannon said. "Josh is teaching us to be better people. You can't be in a bad mood around

The story starts several years earlier with a Winchester high school student named Brack Duncan. He started working with Banks at STRIDE, (Supporting Therapeutic Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities Everyday), a therapeutic recreation center. Duncan tutored Banks in reading and math, but the two started hanging out socially.

Duncan was a former competitive clogger, while Banks had danced on a special needs clogging team. Banks also enjoyed driving in trucks, going out to eat and to the movies, and hanging out with Duncan and his friends.

When Duncan got to UK. he pledged FarmHouse, but Fridays were still devoted to Josh. He brought him to the

door to the family in Albion

WANE-TV reports that Wert

previously had babysat Railee

for her mother, Misty Matson.



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house to hang out, where Banks was soon playing pool and asking for rides from anyone who owns a truck.

"He already saw himself as one of the guys, it was cool watching it all play out," Dun-

This April, Banks and Duncan did a clogging performance at Kentucky's Got Talent, a philanthropy event hosted by Delta Delta Delta. A video of the event went viral and led the pair to partner with Shop Local Kentucky — raising over \$5,000 for Down Syndrome

Bohannon said the membership had nothing to do with

reams of it the house has gotten at a time when, as Bohannon noted, "this semester at UK is not a good time to be in a frat."

Just up the hill from Farm-House, two fraternities currently sit empty because of various policy violations. In September, Sigma Chi was suspended for drug and alcohol violations. The same month, the national chapter of ATO suspended its UK charter when a two-yearold boy was killed after being struck by a car allegedly driven by an ATO pledge who was charged with a DUI.

Hazing deaths in recent years have reanimated a national conversation about Greek life on campuses, ranging from safety to the historically exclusionary nature of both fraternities and sororities.

The conversation about the inclusion of those with special needs has only just begun, particularly at George Mason University, after a student and cheerleader with Down Syndrome was rejected by all eight sororities on campus.

That might be why Banks'

who faced foreclosures from

good publicity, despite the membership has sparked so much conversation outside of FarmHouse but not inside it, Duncan speculated.

> "I don't think it's a lot of change for us, but maybe for the public perception of Greek life," Duncan said. "Maybe people will ask less questions about the social aspect and more about the service aspect because we're showing people the impact. We want to show how to give people opportunities ... at the end of the day, the smallest choice can have really big impact."

Banks himself has been less impressed with the hoopla. "These guys are my friends," he said, as he played pool.

Banks has met plenty of people outside FarmHouse, too, including Nima Mahmoodi, president of the UK Interfraternity Council.

"Josh brings a strong spirit of happiness and joy, not only to FarmHouse Fraternity but the University of Kentucky," Mahmoodi said. "Josh is not only a brother of FarmHouse, but he too is a brother of our

Murder, robbery charges in Jeff businessman's killing

Indiana

JEFFERSONVILLE - A prosecutor says he plans to charge a Jeffersonville man with murder and armed robbery in a businessman's October slaying. Antonio J. McRae, 35, was arrested Saturday in connection with the fatal shooting of Praful Patel, 49. A judge ordered McRae held without bond Monday until his Thursday initial hearing in the killing. Clark County Prosecutor Jeremy Mull tells the News and Tribune that he plans to charge McRae with murder and armed robbery. Mull says McRae's arrest was a "big relief." He says Clark County residents can now "rest easier." Patel was killed Oct. 11 while working at the Stop-N-Go convenience store that he and his wife owned in Jeffersonville. Jeffersonville police say shell casings found at the crime scene matched a handgun found in McRae's apartment.

65 years in slaying of neighbor's daughter

ALBION — A man has been ordered to spend 65 years in prison in the slaying of his neighbor's 2½-year-old daughter. Trevor Wert was sentenced Monday in Albion, about 25 miles northwest of Fort Wayne. Wert, 42, pleaded guilty Dec. 5 to murder. Authorities say he was babysitting Railee Ewing in October while her mother was at work. He lived next



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and they had children about the same age. The girl was beaten to death after waking up Wert by turning on a bathroom faucet. She was struck several times and kicked, which caused her to slam into a door frame.

Father, 2 boys found slain in home ID'd

MARION - Authorities have released the names of a man and two boys found slain in a home. WISH-TV reports that Grant County coroner Chris Butche says Javon Blackwell Sr., 42, his son Javon Blackwell Jr., 12, and stepson Jayzon Blackwell, 11, were shot to death. WTHR-TV reports that a relative called police after finding the bodies about 1 p.m. Sunday in Marion, about 60 miles northeast of Indianapolis. Marion police are investigating the deaths as a triple homicide. Police were not immediately available for comment Monday morning.

Loan to help Evansville upgrade drinking water

EVANSVILLE — A low-interest loan is expected to help Evansville improve the city's drinking water distribution system by replacing aging main pipes and support infrastructure. The Indiana Finance Authority says Evansville has closed the \$77.2 million loan through its Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program to finance upgrades to the system. The program will save the city nearly \$5 million in interest costs over the life of the loan. The Indiana Finance Authority administers the program with joint funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state of Indiana. Existing water main pipes throughout Evansville are near the end of their service life and are prone to failure and leaking.

State seeks fine over fish kill

RICHMOND - Regulators are seeking a more than \$12,000 fine against a Texas trucking company accused of causing a fish kill in eastern Indiana. The Indiana Department of Environmental

STATE BRIEFS

Management recently issued a notice of violation against MOB Carriers, Euless, Texas, which does business as TX Loadrunners. The agency proposes that the company pay a \$12,500 civil penalty for the fish kill. IDEM says a truck overturned along Interstate 70 in June, spilling about 1,000 gallons of a cosmetic ingredient used in shampoos, shower gels and foam baths. That substance impacted about four miles of a creek with what IDEM called "significant foaming." Indiana Department of Natural Resources spokesman Marty Benson tells The Star Press more than 40,000 fish were killed in the spill near the city of Richmond.

U.S. shutdown stops tainted site hearing

EAST CHICAGO — The federal government shutdown has forced the cancellation of a public hearing on a cleanup proposal for the site of a former housing complex. The (Northwest Indiana) Times reports Tuesday that the Environmental Protection Agency says the Jan. 10 hearing on the West Calumet Housing Complex site won't take place. Public comments on the EPA's cleanup plans were being accepted until Jan. 14. Those plans include a two-foot-deep removal of lead- and arsenic-contaminated soil. The agency estimates the cleanup will cost about \$26 million. More than 1,000 people, including about 700 children, were forced from the

housing complex after 2016 tests found high lead levels in blood samples from some children and some yards with lead levels over 70 times the U.S. safety standard.

Scrap dealer seeks a new trial in razing

HAMMOND scrap-metal dealer convicted of demolishing a historic railroad bridge and selling the metal is seeking a new trial. Kenneth Morrison's defense attorney says in a motion filed last week that federal prosecutors didn't meet their burden of proving that he illegally scrapped the century-old bridge. The Post-Tribune reports the court filing asks a federal judge to acquit Morrison and order a new trial. The Whiting man was convicted in December of interstate transportation of stolen goods for allegedly demolishing the unused Monon Bridge near downtown Hammond and selling the metal to Illinois scrapyards for \$18,000. Morrison's lawyer says prosecutors failed to document whether Hammond had clear ownership of the bridge but instead relied on statements that Morrison made to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency agent about permits.

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Some borrowers eligible for payments

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Free business training in Kentucky

LONDON - Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation is offering free training to help entrepreneurs

and housing contractors in southeastern Kentucky start or expand a business. A statement from Kentucky Highlands says the inaugural "Business Builder Basics" training series will teach skills to people in Hazard, London, Pineville and Somerset. The classes will initially focus on core business skills before adding more specific topics. Professional contractors will also teach classes for participants interested in learning construction-related business skills. Kentucky Highlands President and CEO Jerry Rickett said there's a shortage of "qualified construction trade businesses and professionals" in the region which is a hindrance for affordable housing development organizations trying to meet demand. Rickett said the program aims to help contractors become more efficient, profitable and sustainable. Classes will be offered monthly from December through July.

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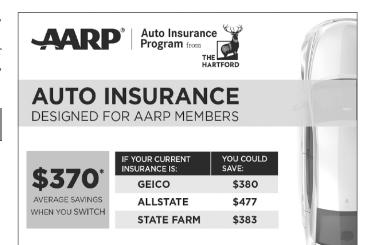
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Kendal Rautzhan

turns to anger and isolation, and is there any hope joy will return? What is it like to always be left out and feel invisible, and how can that change?

The books reviewed today address

these topics in three distinctive ways, and reading books such as these helps kids develop empathy. In our world today it's evident we are in sore need of much greater measures of empathy, and helping kids cultivate empathetic feelings and behaviors can help change the world. Start now.

Books to Borrow

The following book is available at many public libraries.

"The Terrible Thing that Happened to Barnaby Brocket" by John Boyne, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers, Alfred A. Knopf, 279 pages

Read aloud: age 8 and older. **Read yourself:** age 10 and

any other eight-year-old except for one peculiar thing: he floats. From the moment he was born, Barnaby isn't able to keep himself on the ground. His parents have never liked anything or anyone that is different, and so having a son that floats is a horrific embarrassment to them. Finally fed up with it all, Mr. and Mrs. Brocket come to a decision - to literally cut Barnaby loose from his family and let him float away forever.

Barnaby's journey takes him to many distant lands where he meets all sorts of people who share their life stories and in so doing, influence Barnaby in many ways, most especially to accept himself for who he is and that being different is perfectly normal.

This fable-like story is charged with imagination, a cast of very colorful characters, and conveys important messages about accepting differences - both in others and in oneself. Perfectly complemented by the delightful illustrations of Oliver Jeffers, The Terrible Thing that Happened to Barnaby Brocket is at once profound, heartfelt, funny and quite magical.

Librarian's Choice

Library: Switzerland County Public Library, 205 Ferry St., Vevay

Library Director: Emily Youth Services Coordina-

tor: Amber Garcia Choices this week: "Cordu-

Barnaby Brocket is just like roy Lost and Found" by Don



Freeman; "Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend" by Melanie Watt; "The Ugly Pumpkin" by Dave Horowitz

Books to Buy

The following books are available at favorite bookstores.

"The Rough Patch" written and illustrated by Brian Lies, Greenwillow, 2018, 40 pages, \$17.99 hardcover

Read aloud: age 4 - 8. **Read yourself:** age 7 - 8.

Evan and his dog are the best of friends, sharing the joys of life playing games, listening to music, having adventures, and especially working together in Evan's beautiful garden.

One day Evan is heartbroken to find that his dog has passed away in his sleep. His grief leads to anger, and not knowing what to do, he destroys the one thing he and his dog loved the best - the garden. Despite the garden's destruction, things still grow there, and not just weeds. In time, Evan begins to take a little joy in nurturing a special plant which leads him to the county fair where he encounters a few surprises that give Evan hope for a brighter

"Invisible Jerry" by



Adam Wallace, illustrated by Giuseppe Poli, EK Books, 2018, 32 pages, \$17.99 hard-

Read aloud: age 4 - 8. **Read yourself:** age 7 - 8.

People don't notice Jerry, and that troubles him and makes him feel lonely. No one laughs at his jokes, chooses him to be on a team, waves to him or says they're sorry when they bump into him. Jerry doesn't want to stand out, but he doesn't want to be invisible

One day someone does notice Jerry - Molly. Molly makes Jerry smile, asks what he thinks, shares her thoughts with him, and laughs at Jerry's jokes. Because of Molly, Jerry now feels visible, like a real person, and Jerry realizes everybody needs someone like Molly. Maybe Jerry can be a Molly to someone else, like Paul - Paul who isn't noticed by anyone . . .

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Don't let temptation take control. Stay focused on what's important if you want to come up with a plan that will help others. Ignoring what's going on around you will not solve anything. Step up and be the one to make a difference. Be a leader, not a follower.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Keeping busy should be your prime objective. Search for ways to make your life better. If you think about what's important, you'll know exactly what to let go of.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Expand your interests tion will be shared if you get in touch with an old friend or colleague. A new direction is encouraged.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Gather information from people you know you can trust, not someone who is manipulative or uninformed. A personal improvement or change is favored. Romance is highlighted.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take a break, do something interesting or learn something new. Broaden your horizons and consider what you'd like to do next. Make a commitment to a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Rely on your resources, skills and connections to help you get things done your way. If you pay extra attention to and circle of friends. Informa- your partnerships, you will a decision that will resolve a

learn something valuable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Only trust people who actually live up to their promises. A financial change will help you save money and spend less of it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Consider what you can do differently to get ahead. Set an example for others to gain respect and admiration. Romance is in the stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Taking a day trip or visiting someone who has something to offer will open a window of opportunity. Don't hesitate to make a decision or move.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Size up a situation you face and do your homework. Knowing what you are up against will help you come to pending problem. Avoid excessive situations or behavior.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Learn all you can about a situation before you make a decision. Don't fold under pressure. Make choices based on what's best for you. Say what's on your mind and take action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Share ideas and see who the best candidate is to help you pursue your goal. Choosing to live an unusual lifestyle will bring out the best in you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Emotions will take charge and lead the way. Before you reveal something, consider the consequences. Be smart about the information you share and the people you trust.

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Dogs in places where they should not be

dogs and have had pets all my life, but there are times and places in which pets should not accompany their owners. Of course, trained service dogs are the exception.

I am seeing so many dogs being exposed to crowded stores and outdoor festivals and sales. They are generally on leashes, but some breeds are so protective of their owners that they can become hard to control when another dog is present. I recently saw a woman who had her medium-sized dog riding in her grocery cart — a cart that others would eventually be using for food.

I think that most dogs are more comfortable in their home environment and should not be exposed to crowded areas. It will probably elicit some angry responses, but please give your thoughts on leaving the pets at home. — Don't Bring Fido

Dear Don't Bring Fido: If one's dog is well-behaved, it is a nice treat for the owner, the dog and the people around them — the ones who like dogs, anyway — for the dog to go on adult excursions once in a while. However, I totally understand your concern, and I agree that dogs should not be put into food carts.

There are benefits to being around friendly dogs. Petting



Annie

known stress soother. It feels good and can lower your blood pressure.

Studies have shown that petting a dog or cat helps your body release a

relaxation hormone and cuts down on levels of a stress hormone. So why not wag more and bark less? I say that because having a dog at a social event gives people the chance to pet the dog when maybe they can't afford a dog or live in an apartment that does not allow dogs. Dogs are domestic and social animals that love to be

with their owners. Dear Annie: I love your column, whether or not I agree with your responses. I've never felt compelled to write before,

but this time I'm compelled. Your response to "Gramps With a Kid's Mind" was totally off base! Thank goodness we still have some grandparents (whose ranks I recently joined) who are filled with wonder, humor, kindness and love for life and haven't become grumpy old men and the kind of grandparents whom kids not only can't relate to but don't

want to spend time with. I think most of us baby boomers remember the "pull my finger" gag our grandpas did to us with fondness.

It's easy enough to teach your children what's appropriate for school and what's not. If this gramp's grandkids are really getting into trouble with their teachers for silly jokes, that's a sad commentary on our society. Parents today are so hung up on what people on social media tell them is right and wrong that they've lost touch with their own instincts on raising children. Cheers to the fun-loving, happy grandpa! Grateful for Gramps

Dear Grateful: You are right — and I was wrong. I was worried about propriety when I should have appreciated the close bond that "Gramps With a Kid's Mind" is building with his grandchildren. I'd like to thank you and several other readers who set me straight on what is really important here.

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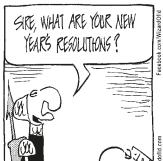
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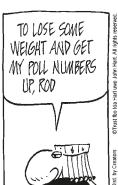


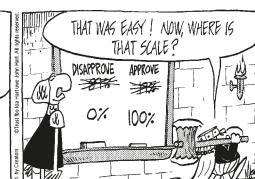






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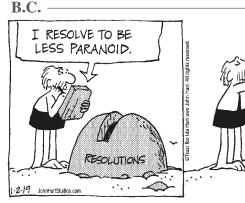


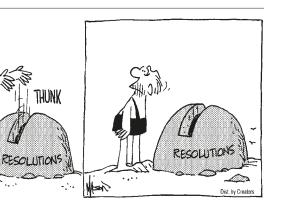












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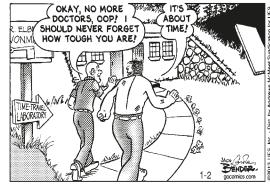
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Dear Doctor: My son and daughter are now 17 and 19, and my sister, who worries about everything, keeps telling me that STDs in teens are on the rise. Is this really true? If so, is there anything I can say to my kids? You know how teens are; will they even listen?

Dear Reader: Considering the context, we regret to inform you that your sister is correct. According to data collected by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the rate of sexually transmitted diseases in the United States has hit a record high for the fourth year in a row, and a whopping 50 percent those new infections were acquired by young people aged 15 to 24 years old. It's estimated that one-quarter of all adolescent females who are sexually active currently have an STD, such as chlamydia or human papillomavirus, also known as HPV.

Despite an increase in the numbers of young people using condoms, which are an effective (but not foolproof) barrier against STDs, and the fact that teens and young adults are less sexually active and have fewer partners than did previous generations, the numbers continue to climb. Statistics show that adolescents between the ages of 15 and 19 and young adults between the ages of 20 and 24 have the highest risk of acquiring an STD.

This trend is believed to be the result of a complex combination of factors. A drop in federal funding for STD prevention education, as well as clinics for screening and outreach, has certainly played a role. So have cultural factors. The advent

of effective antiviral drugs, which have turned once-deadly AIDS into a manageable chronic condition, may have also had the unintended effect of making other STDs seem less dangerous. Also at play may be the increasingly changing views of gender identity, with more young people having sexual partners of

both sexes. Whatever the cause, the spike in STDs in people of all ages is a serious concern. In their early stages, these diseases are asymptomatic, which makes it easy for an infected person to unknowingly transmit the disease. That's why baseline STD screening for young people who are sexually active is so important. In its later stages, each STD comes with its own serious health concerns. A number of viruses and bacteria have become antibiotic-resistant, which means problems continue even after seeking treatment.

X.C. BJOMNFSMT

The truth is the only foolproof way to avoid STDs is to not have sex. But whether or not your kids are sexually active, protection begins with education. That means teaching your kids about STDs and the grave health problems they cause. Stress using condoms as a barrier, even when other birth control methods are in use. As you point out, a single conversation probably won't be enough. Young people feel invincible, so this should be an ongoing dialogue. And don't forget about the HPV vaccine, which is recommended for preteens and young adults of both sexes. You'll find specifics at vaccines.gov/diseases/hpv.

Some parents fear the STD talk implies approval of sexual activity. In our opinion, it's an opportunity to state (or restate) your position on sex, and to offer up some stark

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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Whispering 'it will be happier' ... " - Alfred Lord Tennyson

My second-best defense of all time

Opening lead: ♥ 8

By Phillip Alder

Judy Garland told Liza Minelli, "Be a first-rate version of yourself, not a second-rate version of someone else." This deal sits at number two in my list of best defenses ever. How did East West defeat four hearts after West led

In the bidding, South made a Michaels Cue-Bid, showing at least 5-5 in the majors. After that, the North-South actions were debatable, but necessary so as not to ruin the

story.
The deal was played in 1970, during a match in Leiden, the Netherlands between England and the host

Sitting West was Jonathan Cansino, whose brilliant career was cut short by a brain hemorrhage when he was in his 30s, and who died in 2006. East was Jeremy Flint, a European champion and twice world silver medalist, who died in 1990.

Declarer took Flint's heart king with his ace, played a spade to dummy's king and returned a spade When East played low, declarer had to finesse to make his contract. (If East had split his honors, South could have won with his ace and run a spade to East's remaining honor to get home.) Understandably, though, declarer won with his ace, ruffed a spade in the dummy (West threw a low club) and played a diamond to East's king.

With the lucky trump position, it looked as though declarer was going to get home, but when Flint played the spade queen, Cansino discarded ... his

club ace!
Now Flint cashed the club king, then led another club, which promoted a trump trick for the defenders. Wizard!

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EWS OF RECORD

OBITUARIES David Lykins

David Andrew Lykins, 64, of Madison died Monday, Dec. 31, 2018, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

Nina Stewart

Nina Stewart, 87, of Worthville, Kentucky, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2018, at Dover Manor in Georgetown, Kentucky. Arrangements are pending at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home.

JEFFERSON SHERIFF

ARRESTS AND CITATIONS Sunday

7:46 p.m. Beth Ann Massie, Hanover, arrested on a local

INCIDENTS Sunday

9:08 a.m. Item or article found at the Jefferson County

11:27 a.m. Custodial dispute in the 3000 block of West Black Road.

3:55 p.m. Trees down in the 4000 block of East State Road

5:03 p.m. Item or article found in the 400 block of Virginia Avenue. 5:16 p.m. Suspicious person

or circumstance in the 1000 block of North Thompson 5:21 p.m. Case follow-up in

the 3000 block of East Lemon 7:46 p.m. Assault or battery

on southbound State Road 7 from Dupont. Arrest made.

9:36 p.m. Suspicious person or circumstance in the 6000 block of North Rector Road.

Monday

3:14 a.m. Traffic stop in the 500 block of Clifty Drive. Warning issued.

3:31 a.m. Traffic stop in the 500 block of Ivy Tech Drive. Warning issued.

3:50 a.m. Traffic stop in the 500 block of Ivy Tech Drive.

Verbal warning issued. 6:46 a.m. Unknown problem in the 3000 block of North

Michigan Road. 7:04 a.m. Property damage accident on Deputy Pike Road

and County Road 300 West.

7:48 a.m Reckless driving in

Man fatally struck crossing roadway near Belterra

FLORENCE, Indiana (AP) — Authorities say a 47-year-old

The crash happened about 11:10 p.m. Monday as Robert V. Loughry of Gahanna, Ohio, was crossing State Road 156 with

three other people to an overflow parking lot across from Belterra

Casino Resort in Florence. Loughry was pronounced dead at the

The car was being driven by a 62-year-old woman from Warsaw, Kentucky. Investigators say toxicology tests were pending

Ohio man has died after being struck by a car while crossing a

roadway near Belterra casino in southeastern Indiana.

scene by the Switzerland County coroner's office.

amid the ongoing investigation into the accident.

the 10000 block of West State Road 256, Lexington.

10:34 a.m. Structure fire in the 400 block of Ball Drive,

12:44 p.m. Transport to Swit-

zerland County Jail, Vevay. 7:10 p.m. Argument in the 200 block of Meadowlark

Circle. 8:04 p.m. Trees down on North State Road 7.

8:30 p.m. Extra patrol in the 4000 block of East Wolf Run

8:45 p.m. Property damage accident in the 5000 block of East State Road 56.

11:53 p.m. Car pursuit on West State Road 256.

11:53 p.m. Traffic stop in the 7000 block of State Road 256.

Tuesday

12:16 a.m. K-9 detail in the 4000 block of East Beard Lane, Deputy.

MADISON POLICE

ARRESTS AND CITATIONS Sunday

10:26 a.m. Heather Romans, Deputy, arrested on charges of theft and criminal conversion.

3:46 p.m. Wesley Creech, Deputy, arrested on a Jennings County warrant for failure to appear on possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

Monday 12:19 a.m. David A. Murray Jr., 46, cited for driving while

suspended. **INCIDENTS** Sunday 7:01 a.m. Criminal mischief

in the 1000 block of West Main Street. 9:13 a.m. Item or article

found in the 400 block of East Main Street. 9:35 a.m. Traffic stop in the 700 block of Jefferson Street.

Warning issued. 10:26 a.m. Theft in the 2000

block of Wilson Avenue. Arrest made. 11:31 a.m. Breaking and

entering into a residence in the 1000 block of Cragmont Street. 12:52 p.m. Case follow-up

in the 1000 block of Cragmont

1:28 p.m. Shoplifting in the 400 block of Jefferson Street.

1:54 p.m. Theft in the 500 block of Ivy Tech Drive.

2:07 p.m. Trespassing in the 500 block of East Clifty Drive.

2:46 p.m. Breaking and entering into a vehicle in the

900 block of Lanier Drive.

2:49 p.m. Case follow-up at

the Jefferson County Jail. 3:28 p.m. Item or article found in the 100 block of Taft

3:46 p.m. Traffic stop on Thomas Hill Road. Arrest made.

4:36 p.m. Traffic stop in the 100 block of Sering Street.

4:44 p.m. Utility problem on First and Cragmont streets. 5:02 p.m. Suspicious vehicle

in the 2000 block of Kennedy 5:14 p.m. Traffic stop in the

100 block of Clifty Drive. 5:38 p.m. Fire or smoke

in the 200 block of Cravens 6:30 p.m. Property damage

accident in the 700 block of Jefferson Street.

6:31 p.m. Traffic stop in the 700 block of Jefferson Street. 6:32 p.m. Breaking and

entering into a vehicle in the 600 block of Jefferson Street. 6:33 p.m. Traffic stop on

U.S. 421 southbound lane. 8:03 p.m. Suspicious person or circumstance in the 300

block of East Clifty Drive. 9:47 p.m. Suspicious person or circumstance in the 700

block of Saddle Tree Lane. 10:18 p.m. Suspicious person or circumstance in the 2000

block of Windridge Drive. 11:25 p.m. Panic alarm in the

11:32 p.m. Consensual encounter on Vaughn Drive and Mill Street.

300 block of Cragmont Street.

11:36 p.m. Security check in the 200 block of West Main Street.

Monday

12:03 a.m. Protective order violation in the 100 block of Clifty Drive.

12:19 a.m. Traffic stop on Cragmont Street and Phillips Lane. Citation issued.

12:54 a.m. Domestic incident in the 200 block of Ivy Tech Drive.

2:12 a.m. Vandalism in the 800 block of East Street.

2:38 a.m. Traffic stop on Main and East streets. Verbal warning issued.

8:11 a.m. Alarm or alarm problem in the 100 block of Ferry Street.

8:22 a.m. Lost item reported to the Police Department.

9:05 a.m. Case follow-up in the 5000 block of South County Road 450 West, Hanover.

9:28 a.m. Theft in the 2000 block of Wilson Avenue. 9:40 a.m. Theft in the 200

block of Mulberry Street. 10:30 a.m. Property damage

accident in the 600 block of West Second Street. 11:06 a.m. Item or article

found in the 700 block of Clifty 12:03 p.m. Abandoned vehicle in the 100 block of

Demaree Drive. 12:26 p.m. Domestic incident in the 1000 block of West Main Street.

4:04 p.m. Traffic control or detail in the 2000 block of Michigan Road. 4:28 p.m. Threats or threat-

ening behavior in the 300 block of East Main Street. 4:44 p.m. Alarm or alarm

problem in the 600 block of Mulberry Street. 4:48 p.m. Property damage accident in the 2000 block of

Franks Drive. 8:30 p.m. Sexual assault at

the Jefferson County Jail. 8:57 p.m. Gunshot in the

2000 block of Kennedy Drive. 9:37 p.m. Domestic standby in the 1000 block of Oak Hill

Drive. 10:52 p.m. Leaving scene of accident in the 100 block of East Main Street.

Tuesday

12:07 a.m. Gunshot in the 400 block of West Skyline

12:12 a.m. Fight without weapons in the 300 block of West Street.

1:00 a.m. Threats or threatening behavior in the 500 block of Walnut Street.

1:21 a.m. Subject with mental health issues in the 2000 block of Kennedy Drive.

2:25 a.m. Fight without weapons in the 300 block of West Street.

3:32 a.m. Vandalism in the 400 block West State Street. 4:19 a.m. Case follow-up at

the Jefferson County Jail. **HANOVER POLICE**

INCIDENTS Sunday

9:45 a.m. Traffic stop on Main Street. Verbal warning given.

10:31 a.m. Vandalism in the 200 block of Shady Nook.

11:50 a.m. Case follow-up in the 200 block of Shady Nook. 1:53 p.m. Traffic stop on Kuntz Road. Warning issued.

encounter reported to the police pepartment. 5:41 p.m. Criminal mischief in the 100 block of Ohio Ave-

2:39 p.m. Consensual

Monday

nue.

1:28 p.m. Item or article found in the 200 block of North Madison Avenue.

2:48 p.m. Protective order violation in the 200 block of

West Second Street. 4:47 p.m. Breaking and entering into a residence on

North Madison Avenue. 6:48 p.m. Traffic stop on

First Street. Warning issued. 6:56 p.m. Unwanted subject

in the 500 block of River Road. 7:58 p.m. Traffic stop on Main Cross Street. Warning

10:16 p.m. Traffic stop in the 300 block of West LaGrange Road. Warning issued.

10:41 p.m. Intoxicated person in the 100 block of Maple

11:24 p.m. Welfare check in the 100 block of Maple Street. **Tuesday**

12:18 a.m. Intoxicated person in the 200 block of West

Second Street. 1:28 a.m. Noise complaint in

the 100 block of West Second Street.

Tom Palfreeman passed in 2016.



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Bonnie O'Dell Feuerstin, age 87, of Madison, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at her

Bonnie O'Dell Feuerstin

residence in Madison. Born November 5, 1931 in Jefferson County, Indiana, she was the daughter of Floyd and Madge (Whitsitt) Cutshall. After graduating from Hanover High School, she worked as a secretary for an insurance company in Indianapolis. She then began working as a secretary at Jefferson Proving Ground before meeting her husband and working at Bill's Sporting Goods until she sold it in 1992. On August 18, 1953, she was united in marriage

to John William "Bill" Feuerstin in Madison. She was a member of the West Madison United Methodist Church. She enjoyed cross stitching while her health allowed, going to Walmart and spending time with family She will be sadly missed by her son, Dave Feuerstin of Madison; her brother, Samuel Cutshall and his wife, Bess of Orlando, Florida; her sisters: Sherry Cheatham and her husband, Leon of Little York, Indiana, and Linda Hall and her husband,

Parvin of Henryville, Indiana; her sister-in-law, Doris Cutshall of Madison; her grandchildren: Jeremy David Feuerstin and Justin Brian Feuerstin, both of Madison; her great grandson, Jedidiah; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John Feuerstin; her sister, Diane Cutshall; her twin brother, Bob Cutshall and her

Reverend Jerry Wheeler will conduct funeral services at 11:00 AM Thursday, January 3, 2019 at Lytle Welty Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, Main Street Chapel, 423 West Main Street, Downtown Madison, with interment to follow in Springdale Cemetery. Friends and family may call at the Lytle Welty Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, Main Street Chapel from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Wednesday, January 2, 2019, and from 10:00 AM until the time of service on Thursday.

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Searchers find body of woman

BROOKVILLE, Indiana (AP) - Authorities say they've recovered the body of a 63-year-old woman who was apparently swept away after the vehicle she was driving went into a flooded creek in

southeastern Indiana. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources says Carol Jackson's husband told Franklin County dispatchers Monday evening that she'd contacted him and reported her vehicle was filling with water. The DNR says searchers found the empty vehicle and recovered her body Tuesday from Pipe

Creek in Franklin County. The Clarksburg woman's death is being investigated as an apparent drowning and an autopsy was planned this week to confirm cause of death.

WRTV-TV reports Jackson was the wife of the pastor at Clarksburg Christian Church. WTHR-TV reports she was driving on flooded roads while heading home from a church retreat when she disappeared.

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State police: No police video of man's killing by trooper

THE BACK PAGE

CRAWFORDSVILLE,

Indiana (AP) — Relatives of a man fatally shot by an Indiana State trooper are demanding answers after police said there was no body or dash camera video of what led up to last week's shooting along a western Indiana highway.

The cruiser driven by the trooper who shot Glenn A. Rightsell, 56, of Linden didn't have a dash camera, as some of the agency's cruisers do, and Indiana state troopers aren't equipped with body cameras, Sgt. Kim Riley said Monday.

Police have said the trooper fatally shot Rightsell on the night of Dec. 28 after he failed to follow his orders and allegedly grabbed a handgun on his own waist. Rightsell died later at a hospital.

Police said that three hours before the shooting, the trooper had tagged an abandoned sport utility vehicle along U.S. 231 in a rural area of Montgomery County just north of Crawfordsville, about 40 miles northwest of Indianapolis. The shooting occurred when the trooper returned, noticed a car parked in front of the SUV, which had its hood up, and stopped to investigate.

Rightsell's nephew, Matt Clark, said his uncle was working on his daughter's

stalled Chevy Tahoe and that he always carried a gun on his belt. Clark said Monday that the lack of body and dash cameras that could have captured what preceded his uncle's shooting shows "a complete lack of caring and a disregard for safety."

"Body and dash cams protect everyone ... from injustices," he told the Journal & Courier.

Clark said Rightsell had called police ahead of time, asking them not to tow the vehicle until he had a chance to work on it. Riley said police were looking for a record of that call.

Relatives and friends held a vigil Sunday in Crawfordsville for Rightsell, who was the owner of a masonry and tuck-pointing business in Linden, a rural Montgomery County town.

Mark Talbott, a Lafayette carpenter, said he's "furious" over his friend's killing and said he doesn't believe the state police account of the shooting.

"I'm of the opinion that everything they stated was not true, and meant to do nothing but protect the officers in question," he said.

Police have not released the name of the officer, who has been placed on administrative

shooting investigation is complete, the findings will be turned over to the county prosecutor, who would decide whether charges are warranted.

Police have not said how

Riley said that once the many shots the trooper fired or what verbal commands he gave Rightsell. The state police account also did not say whether Rightsell drew his gun or fired any shots.

Ken Steen, who lives across

from the shooting scene, filmed video of the shooting aftermath. That footage appears to show officers telling Rightsell to come to them on his knees, with his hands over his head, before he's handcuffed and concern is that we never will,"

they walk him from the scene. Steen said he didn't know Rightsell had been shot until the following day.

"I'm willing to admit I don't know what happened, yet. My

Man had encounter with officers more than 10 years ago

By JIM JOHNSON

(Crawfordsville) Journal Review The Linden man who died Friday evening after he was shot by an Indiana State Police trooper had a previous run-in with state police more than 10 years ago in an incident where he fled officers and disregard-

ed their orders. Friends of Glenn A. Rightsell, 56, called for justice at a candlelight vigil Sunday, suggesting they don't believe the police account of Friday's incident and that Rightsell wasn't the sort to have such an encounter with law enforcement.

Court records, however, suggest otherwise.

A 2005 incident ended with Rightsell's arrest after he was stopped by state troopers on U.S. 231 north of Linden. A probable cause affidavit from the arrest revealed that Rightsell was driving a vehicle with an Indiana plate that belonged

to an individual from Michigan City. Rightsell told police the vehicle had been impounded earlier that day for expired plates and that the vehicle was sold to the Michigan City man. Paperwork regarding the sale couldn't be produced, according to the affidavit.

When officers advised Rightsell the vehicle couldn't be operated on the roadway and would be impounded, court records said that Rightsell, age 44 at the time, started the vehicle and a pursuit began.

Rightsell eventually stopped in the yard of his Linden home and refused to get out of the vehicle, the affidavit states. When the troopers opened the driver's side door, Rightsell began kicking both officers. Police used pepper spray to subdue Rightsell, but he continued to resist.

The probable cause affidavit also said that Rightsell became verbally aggressive with another inmate after arriving at the Montgomery County Jail and was restrained when he tried to approach the inmate.

Under a plea agreement, a felony charge of resisting law enforcement was dismissed along with the infraction for displaying an improper plate. Rightsell pleaded guilty to speeding and a misdemeanor charge of resisting law enforcement. He was sentenced to one year in jail with all but five days suspended, ordered to perform 40 hours of community service, fined and placed on supervised probation for one year.

In 2003, Rightsell pleaded guilty in Tippecanoe County to misdemeanor charges of criminal conversion and criminal recklessness with a vehicle. He was sentenced to 365 days in jail on each count, with a suspended sentence in exchange for two years of probation. As part of the plea agreement, Rightsell was ordered to complete a violence evaluation and education course, "Theft Talk" classes and 96 hours of community service.

Rightsell also faced a charge of disorderly conduct in Tippecanoe County. Court records indicate the charge from 1998 was dismissed following completion of a diversion program.

In his most recent brush with law enforcement Friday evening, Rightsell was apparently working on a disabled vehicle on U.S. 231 near C.R. 550N when authorities say a trooper stopped, identified himself and gave verbal commands to Rightsell. According to police, Rightsell failed to comply with directions and grabbed the handgun on his waist before the trooper opened fire, striking him at least once. Rightsell later died at Franciscan Health Crawfordsville

House Democrats

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ate — to fund the departments of Agriculture, Interior, Housing and Urban Development and others closed by the partial shutdown. They would provide money through the remainder of the fiscal year, to Sept. 30.

The House is planning two separate votes for Thursday. If approved, the bills would go to the Senate.

Senate Democrats support the measures, according to a senior aide who was unauthorized to discuss the plan and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-North Carolina, the chairman of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, tweeted that without funding for Trump's

wall, the package is a "nonstarter." He said it "will not be a legitimate answer to this impasse."

But as the shutdown drags on, pressure is expected to build on all sides for a resolution, as public parks and museums close, and some 800,000 federal workers are going without pay.

Trump could accept or reject either bill, and it's unclear how he would respond. The president continued to insist Monday he wants to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, despite assertions otherwise of three confidants.

"An all concrete Wall was NEVER ABANDONED," Trump tweeted Monday. "Some areas will be all concrete but the experts at Border Patrol prefer a Wall that is see through (thereby making it possible to see what is happening on both sides)."

Later Monday, Trump tweeted, "The Democrats will probably submit a Bill, being cute as always, which gives everything away but gives NOTHING to Border Security, namely the Wall."

Trump's comments came after officials, including his departing chief of staff, indicated that the president's signature campaign pledge to build the wall would not be fulfilled as advertised. White House chief of staff John Kelly told the Los Angeles Times in an interview published Sunday that Trump abandoned the notion of "a solid concrete wall early on in the administration."

"To be honest, it's not a wall," Kelly said, adding that the mix of technological enhancements and "steel slat" barriers the president now wants along the border resulted from conversations with law enforcement professionals.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina, emerged from a Sunday lunch at the White House to tell reporters that "the wall has become a metaphor for border security' and referred to "a physical barrier along the border.'

Graham said Trump was

immigration agreement, saying the budget impasse presented an opportunity to address issues beyond the border wall. But a previous attempt to reach a compromise that addressed the status of "Dreamers" young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children broke down last year as a result of escalating White House demands.

"open-minded" about a broader

Graham told CNN before his lunch with Trump that "there will never be a deal without wall funding."

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The partial government shutdown began Dec. 22 after Trump bowed to conservative demands that he fight to make good on his vow and secure funding for the wall before Republicans lose control of the House on Wednesday. Democrats have remained committed to blocking any funding for the wall, and with neither side engaging in substantive negotiation, the effect of the partial shutdown was set to spread and to extend into the new year.

Garbage, feces

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parks without most of the rangers and others who staff campgrounds and otherwise keep parks running.

Unlike shutdowns in some previous administrations, the Trump administration was leaving parks open to visitors despite the staff furloughs, said John Garder, senior budget director of the nonprofit National Parks Conservation Association.

"We're afraid that we're going to start seeing significant damage to the natural resources in parks and potentially to historic and other cultural artifacts," Garder said. "We're concerned there'll be impacts to visitors' safety."

"It's really a nightmare sce-

nario," Garder said. Under the park service's shutdown plan, authorities have to close any area where garbage or other problems become threats to health and safety or to wildlife, spokesman Jeremy Barnum said in an

email Monday. "At the superintendent's discretion, parks may close grounds/areas with sensitive natural, cultural, historic, or archaeological resources vulnerable to destruction, looting, or other damage that cannot be adequately protected by the excepted law enforcement staff that remain on duty," Barnum

In the southern Sierra Nevada in Central California,

Sunrise: 8:01 a.m. Sunset: 5:32 p.m. Temperature: high 42, low 29, mean 35.5, excess 6.4 Precipitation: 0 inches Total, January: 0 inches Precipitation, year: 0 inches Historic Average: .14 inches

Barometer: 30.21 Falling

River level at IKE: 431.8 feet

some areas of the Sequoia and stocking restrooms that were Kings Canyon national parks still open, Feltges said. were closed Monday evening. In Sequoia, home to immense and ancient giant sequoias, General Highway was closed because overflowing trash bins were spreading litter and posed a threat to wildlife and the icy, jammed roadway was seeing up to three-hour delays, according to the National Park

Service. Also closed was the Grant Tree Trail, a popular hiking spot, because the government shutdown halted maintenance and left the path dangerously slick from ice and snow, with at least one injury reported, the park service said.

Campers at Joshua Tree National Park in Southern California's deserts were reporting squabbles as different families laid claims to sites, with no rangers on hand to adjudicate, said Ethan Feltges, who operates the Coyote Corner gift shop outside Joshua Tree.

Feltges and other business owners around Joshua Tree had stepped into the gap as much as possible, hauling trailers into the park to empty overflowing trash bins and sweeping and

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Feltges himself had set a portable toilet at his store to help the visitors still streaming in and out of the park. He was spending his days standing outside his store, offering tips about the park in place of the rangers who normally would be present.

"The whole community has come together," Feltges said, also by phone. "Everyone loves the park. And there's a lot of businesses that actually need the park."

Some visitors have strung Christmas lights in the twisting Joshua trees, many of which are hundreds of years old, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Most visitors were being respectful of the desert wilderness and park facilities, Joshua Tree's superintendent, David Smith, said in a statement.

But some are seizing on the shortage of park staffers to offroad illegally and otherwise damage the park, as well as relieving themselves in the open, a park statement said. Joshua Tree said it would begin closing some campgrounds for all but day use.

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Purdue super fan Trent dies

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tyler Trent, a former Purdue University student and college football super fan who inspired many with his battle against cancer, died Tuesday. He was 20 years old.

His family confirmed the death to The Indianapolis Star.

Trent wanted to be a sportswriter and was determined to attend Purdue despite suffering three bouts with a rare bone cancer, first diagnosed at age 15. He entered Purdue in the fall of 2017 while undergoing chemotherapy. He camped out with another student to get good seats to a Purdue-Michigan football game, just hours after chemotherapy.

He gained national attention in 2018 by becoming the adopted captain of the Boilermakers football team. He was in a wheelchair for Purdue's upset win over Ohio State, which was ranked No. 2 in the nation at the time.

He became a social media star with his positive attitude and determination to live every day to the fullest despite the illness.

"Though I am in hospice care and have to wake up every morning knowing that the day might be my last, I still have a choice to make: to make that day the best it can be," Trent wrote in a guest column for the newspaper in early December.

Trent earned an associate degree from Purdue in computer information technology.

Last year, Purdue created a scholarship, the Tyler Trent Courage and Resilience Award, for an undergraduate who has encountered adversity while pursuing a college degree.

Pacers win 5th consecutive

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Victor Oladipo scored 22 points while Domantas Sabonis and Myles Turner each added 20 to lead the Indiana Pacers past the Atlanta Hawks 116-108 on Monday.

Indiana has won five straight and 12 of 14 to became the third team in the league with 25 wins this season.

John Collins finished with 22 points and 16 rebounds to lead Atlanta. Rookie Kevin Huerter scored 22 points and made six 3-pointers, both season highs, as the Hawks lost for the second time in seven games — both to the Pacers in the last week.

Oladipo played perhaps his best overall game since returning from a knee injury on Dec. 12. He was 9 of 19 from the field, had four rebounds and five steals.

Indiana led most of the game but needed a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from Turner to break a 60-60 tie just before halftime.

The Pacers then opened the second half with back-to-back baskets to make it 67-60, started pulling away when Turner and Bojan Bogdanovic made consecutive 3s midway through the third to extend the lead to 87-76 and closed it out by scoring the final eight points of the quarter to take a 97-81 lead.

Atlanta couldn't get closer than six the rest of the way and did not score in the final 1:49 as it lost its fifth straight in Indianapolis.

Women's AP top 5 unchanged

NEW YORK (AP) — UConn, Notre Dame and Louisville remain the top three teams in The Associated Press women's basketball poll.

With most teams taking a break for the holidays, there wasn't much movement in the Top 25 poll Monday. The only change in the first 10 teams was Mississippi State and Baylor exchanging places at No. 7 and 8. Maryland and Oregon were fourth and fifth in the poll voted on by a 31-member national media panel.

Baylor has a huge chance to move up the poll this week when the Lady Bears host top-ranked UConn on Thursday night. The Huskies were off this past week and finish off a two-game trip to Texas with a game at Houston on Sunday. UConn hasn't played at home since Dec. 8.

Notre Dame easily beat Lehigh on Sunday in its lone game this week. The victory earned Muffet McGraw her 900th' career win.

There was movement in the second half of the poll with California dropping four spots to 18th, Arizona State five places to 22nd and DePaul five spots to 24th.

Michigan State made the biggest leap, climbing up six spots to 15th. Iowa State was the lone team to enter the poll while Miami fell out.

Southwestern No. 1 in AP poll for 1st-time

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Southwestern's boys basketball rose to a No. 1 ranking for the first time

in program history when the Class 2A poll was announced on Monday afternoon.

The Rebels, currently 11-1 on the season, received nine of the 14 first-place votes by Associated Press sportswriters across the state and 256 points overall. Tipton, led by former Providence coach Lou Lefevre, was second with 230 points but did not receive a first-place vote. LaVille, the previous No. 1 dropped to third but picked up two first-place votes and Westview, the preseason No. 1 which is currently fifth, got the other three first place votes.

Southwestern opened the season

No. 2 before suffering its first loss of the season to Madison just before Christmas. That loss dropped the Rebels to fourth last week before wins over Yorktown and North Decatur, despite a short bench, propelled them to the top spot.

Southwestern is just one of many teams that could filter into the Class 2A Regional at Forest Park that are getting votes this week. North Daviess is sixth, Linton-Stockton is seventh, Evansville Mater Dei is ninth and Crawford County is 10th. In addition, Tell City and North Decatur each received votes. North Decatur is also in Southwestern's sectional.

In the Sagarin Computer Ratings, Southwestern is currently third in 2A behind Indianapolis Howe (ranked

ranked 10th in Class 2A and rose to eighth in the AP poll) and Westview.

Southwestern's ascension to the top spot marks the first time in more than 50 years that a Courierarea boys basketball team has been at No. 1. Madison, which was No. 1 several times throughout the 1940s, 50s and 60s, reached as high as No. 2 early in the 1998-99 season and finished that year ranked third.

Southwestern's girls basketball team spent most of the 2001-02 season ranked No. 1 and won the state championship that season. The Lady Rebels also opened the following year in the

Southwestern returns to action on Friday night when the Rebels host Trimble County (Ky.) before Southwestern travels to Lanesville on

INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL BOYS ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL CLASS 2A

W-L Pts Prv 1. Southwestern (9) 11-1 256 2. Tipton 9-1 230 5 3. LaVille (2) 9-1 201 4. Shenandoah 7-1 198 5. Westview (3) 7-3 191 6. North Daviess 10-1 113 7. Linton-Stockton 8-2 104 8. Howe 7-3 89 NR 9. Mater Dei 7-1 85 10 10. Crawford Co. 8-2 53

Others receiving votes: Heritage Christian 45. Tell City 32. Andrean 30. Park Tudor 14. Monrovia 12. North Decatur 7. Covington 7. Frankton 7. Michigan City Marquette 6.

Crozier holding court in college hoops

Samford junior returning to form after mono, due to graduate in Dec.

By DAVID CAMPBELL Courier Staff Writer

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livia Crozier knew that something was wrong. Never one to shy away from hard work, the former Madison Lady Cub basketball standout found herself physically unable to do the things she has always been able to do, and to say that was frustrating is an understatement.

"(Samford) Coach (Mike Morris) was getting on me and I was getting frustrated with myself," said Crozier. "He would talk to me and say 'you're not as active on defense and you're always in the right spot. Coming off screens you're usually active' and I told him that I feel like I'm stuck in the mud and feel so heavy."

As it turned out, Crozier had contracted mononucleosis. Midway through her redshirt junior year at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, Crozier found out she had been playing with the virus for most of the semester.

"I didn't know I had mono until really late but I'm glad I had something to explain how I was feeling all year," she said.

Battling mono was the just the latest chapter in Crozier's college career, now in its fourth year. She injured an ankle as a freshman and ended up taking a medical redshirt before moving into the starting lineup last year and averaging 9.4 points and 5.1 rebounds per game for the Bulldogs.

Crozier started three games this year but her numbers were noticeably down. At Colorado two weeks ago, Crozier played only six minutes and even that was the most that she could do.

But if last Friday's game at Vanderbilt was any indication, Crozier is back on the road to her normal self. She played 16 minutes off the bench and scored five points while pulling down four rebounds and blocking a shot against the much taller Commodores with a handful of family members in attendance rooting her on.

For Crozier, it was a sign that things are going to be OK.

"Over Christmas break, my main focus over those four days was sleep. I could go hunting, I could go see friends or whatever, but I slept about 16 hours a day just to get myself feeling better," Crozier smiled. "I definitely feel better. This is day two in a row where I feel good and I feel like I used to."

For the season, Crozier is averaging 4.1 points and 2.2 rebounds per game while shooting 48 percent from the floor. Those numbers are down from her sophomore season but she's hopeful that now that she's healthy, her contributions will go up as well.

Crozier, a 2015 graduate of Madison, chose Samford after a whirlwind recruiting season. She originally signed with Southeast Missouri State but was let out of her letter of intent after the school fired its coach. After looking at several other schools she settled on Samford primarily because of its prestigious nursing program.

She has enjoyed every minute of her time in central Alabama, even



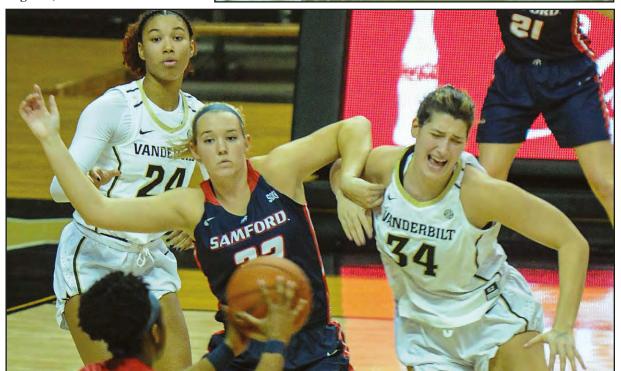
ormer Madison girls ı basketball standout Olivia Crozier (above) made her closest trip to home last Friday when her Samford Bulldogs faced off at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee. The 6-foot-1 **Crozier spent most of her night** in the paint battling with the Commodores' 6-foot-5 Mariella Fasoula (34) both on defense (right) and offense (below). Crozier, who has been battling mono, finished the night with five points, four rebounds and a blocked shot. (Staff photos by **David Campbell)**

if she admits that it was a bit frustrating in the beginning. A four-year starter at Madison, Crozier had to adjust to not being the team's go-to

"Everyone's a star. They tell you coming in and I wasn't used to it. If everybody was the star of their high school team then you're probably going to sit the bench your freshman year and that's something you have to get used to," Crozier said. "It was an adjustment to getting a new role and finding myself a little more. I actually helped me get more confident in myself instead

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE **NFL PLAYOFFS** WILD-CARDS

Saturday, Jan. 5 Indianapolis at Houston, 4:35 p.m. (ESPN) Seattle at Dallas, 8:15 p.m. (FOX) Sunday, Jan. 6

L.A. Chargers at Baltimore, 1:05 p.m. (CBS) Philadelphia at Chicago, 4:40 p.m. (NBC)

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS Saturday, Jan. 12

Baltimore/Los Angeles Chargers/Indianapolis at Kansas City, 4:35 p.m. (NBC) Chicago/Dallas/Seattle at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 13 Houston/Baltimore/Los Angeles Chargers at New England, 1:05 p.m. (CBS) Dallas/Seattle/Philadelphia at New Or leans, 4:40 p.m. (FOX)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday, Jan. 20 AFC

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL SCHEDULE Saturday, Dec. 15 Celebration Bowl, Atlanta

N.C. A&T 24. Alcorn State 22 Cure Bowl, Orlando, Fla. Tulane 41, Louisiana-Lafayette 24 New Mexico Bowl, Albuquerque Utah State 52, North Texas 13

Las Vegas Bowl Fresno State 31, Arizona State 20 **Camellia Bowl, Montgomery, Ala.**Georgia Southern 23, Eastern Michigan

New Orleans Bowl Appalachian State 45, Middle Tennessee

Tuesday, Dec. 18 Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl Alabama-Birmingham 37, Northern Illinois Wednesday, Dec. 19

Frisco (Texas) Bowl Ohio 27, San Diego State 0 Thursday, Dec. 20 Gasparilla Bowl, St. Petersburg, Fla. Marshall 38, South Florida 20 Friday, Dec. 21 Bahamas Bowl, Nassau

FIU 35. Toledo 32 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, Boise BYU 49, Western Michigan 18 Saturday, Dec. 22 Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl

Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34

Armed Forces Bowl, Fort Worth, Texas Army 70, Houston 14 Dollar General Bowl, Mobile, Ala. Troy 42, Buffalo 32 Hawaii Bowl, Honolulu Louisiana Tech 31, Hawaii 14

Wednesday, Dec. 26 SERVPRO First Responder Bowl, Dallas Boston College vs. Boise State, ccd., weather **Quick Lane Bowl, Detroit**

Minnesota 34, Georgia Tech 10 Cheez-It Bowl, Phoenix Texas Christian 10, California 7, OT **Thursday, Dec. 27** Independence Bowl, Shreveport, La.

Duke 56, Temple 27 Pinstripe Bowl, New York Wisconsin 35, Miami 3 Texas Bowl, Houston Baylor 45, Vanderbilt 38

Friday, Dec. 28 Music City Bowl, Nashville, Tenn. Auburn 63, Purdue 14 Camping World Bowl, Orlando, Fla. Syracuse 34, West Virginia 18 Alamo Bowl, San Antonio Washington State 28, Iowa State 26

Saturday, Dec. 29 Peach Bowl, Atlanta Florida 41, Michigan 15 Belk Bowl, Charlotte, N.C. Virginia 28. South Carolina 0 Arizona Bowl, Tucson, Ariz.

Nevada 16, Arkansas State 13, OT Cotton Bowl Classic, Arlington, Texas **CFP Semifinal**

Clemson 30, Notre Dame 3 Orange Bowl, Miami Gardens, Fla. **CFP Semifinal** Alabama 45, Oklahoma 34

Monday, Dec. 31 Military Bowl, Annapolis, Md. Cincinnati 35, Virginia Tech 31 Sun Bowl, El Paso, Texas Stanford 14, Pittsburgh 13

Redbox Bowl, Santa Clara, Calif. Oregon 7, Michigan State 6 Liberty Bowl, Memphis, Tenn. Oklahoma State 38, Missouri 33 Holiday Bowl, San Diego Northwestern 31, Utah 20

Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla. Texas A&M 52. NC State 13 Tuesday, Jan. 1 Outback Bowl, Tampa, Fla. Iowa 27, Mississippi State 22 Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla. Kentucky 27. Penn State 24 Fiesta Bowl, Glendale, Ariz.

LSU 40. UCF 32 Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif. Ohio State 28, Washington 23 Sugar Bowl, New Orleans Texas 28, Georgia 21

Monday, Jan. 7 **College Football Championship** Santa Clara, Calif. Clemson (14-0) vs. Alabama (14-0), 8

p.m. (ESPN)

2018-19 CONFERENCE BOWL RECORDS (Through Tuesday's Games) Conference Conference USA 2 .667 Independents .667 Mountain West .600 Sun Belt .600 Big 12 3 571 .545 Southeastern Atlantic Coast 5 .500

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NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION Standings EASTERN CONFERENCE **Atlantic Division**

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Toronto	28	11	.718	_
Philadelphia	24	14	.632	31/2
Boston	21	15	.583	51/2
Brooklyn	17	21	.447	101/2
New York	9	29	.237	181/2
Sou	theas	t Div	ision	
	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	18	18	.500	_
Miami	17	18	.486	1/2
Orlando	16	20	.444	2
Washington	14	23	.378	41/2
Atlanta	11	25	.306	7
Ce	ntral	Divis	ion	
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	26	10	.722	_
Indiana	25	12	.676	11/2
Detroit	16	19	.457	91/2
Chicago	10	27	.270	16½
Cleveland	8	29	.216	181/2
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Houston	21	15	.583	_
San Antonio	21	17	.553	1
Memphis	18	18	.500	3
Dallas	17	19	.472	4
New Orleans	17	21	.447	5
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Denver	24	11	.686	_

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Pacific Division W **L** 13 Pct GB Golden State 25 .658 L.A. Clippers 21 16 .568 31/2 21 16 .568 31/2 L.A. Lakers 19 18 .514 Sacramento

9 29 .237 Phoenix Monday's Games Indiana 116, Atlanta 108 Charlotte 125, Orlando 100 Houston 113, Memphis 101 San Antonio 120, Boston 111 New Orleans 123, Minnesota 114 Oklahoma City 122, Dallas 102 Golden State 132, Phoenix 109

Tuesday's Games
Toronto 122, Utah 116 Milwaukee 121, Detroit 98 Denver 115. New York 108 Portland 113, Sacramento 108, OT Philadelphia 119, L.A. Clippers 113.

Wednesday's Games Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m. Dallas at Charlotte, 7 p.m. Miami at Cleveland, 7 p.m. New Orleans at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m. Detroit at Memphis, 8 p.m. Minnesota at Boston, 8 p.m. Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games Toronto at San Antonio, 8 p.m. Denver at Sacramento, 10 p.m Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games Utah at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. Brooklyn at Memphis, 8 p.m. Dallas at Boston, 8 p.m. Indiana at Chicago, 8 p.m. Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Washington at Miami, 8 p.m. Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m. New York at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m. Oklahoma City at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

NBA G LEAGUE Standings **EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division**

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ong Island	14	6	.700	_
Westchester	15	7	.682	_
Raptors	14	7	.667	1/2
Delaware	7	13	.350	7
Maine	7	14	.333	7½
Cen	tral Div	vision		
	W	L	Pct	GB
Nindy City	11	12	.478	_
ort Wayne	9	10	.474	_
Grand Rapids	9	12	.429	1
Canton	7	12	.368	2
Visconsin	3	17	.150	61/2
South	neast D	Divisio	n	
	W	L	Pct	GB
Erie	11	9	.550	_
_akeland	10	9	.526	1/2
Greensboro	11	10	.524	1/2
Capital City	8	9	.471	11/2
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Oklahoma City	16	5	.762	_
Sioux Falls	14	8	.636	21/2

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Memphis	13	8	.619	3
lowa	7	15	.318	91/2
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Santa Cruz	16	5	.762	_
Stockton	11	7	.611	31/2
Agua Caliente	10	9	.526	5
South Bay	10	12	.455	61/2
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Austin	12	9	.571	_
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Texas 8 15 .348 Monday's Games Maine 131, Erie 122 Austin 111, Sioux Falls 105 Tuesday's Games Agua Caliente 103. Salt Lake City 93

Windy City 117, Greensboro 103 Wednesday's Games Erie at Long Island, 7 p.m. Fort Wayne at Westchester, 7 p.m. Austin at Sioux Falls, 7:30 n.m.

Northern Arizona at Agua Caliente, 10 Thursday's Games Capital City at Maine, 7 p.m. Santa Cruz at Rio Grande Valley, 8 p.m. Stockton at Memphis, 8 p.m.

Oklahoma City at South Bay, 10 p.m. Friday's Games Capital City at Canton, 7 p.m. Grand Rapids at Delaware, 7 p.m. Lakeland at Greensboro, 7 p.m. Windy City at Erie, 7 p.m.
Wisconsin at Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. Westchester at Raptors, 7:30 p.m Sioux Falls at Salt Lake City, 9 p.m.

Oklahoma City at Agua Caliente, 10 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with firstplace votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 30, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Record

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L. Duke (35)	11-1	1530	1
2. Michigan (9)	13-0	1478	3
3. Tennessee (12)	11-1	1469	3
1. Virginia (4)	11-0	1428	4
5. Kansas (4)	11-1	1378	5
S. Nevada	13-0	1317	6
7. Gonzaga	12-2	1200	- F
3. Michigan St.	11-2	1146	8
). Florida St.	11-1	1063	
LO. Virginia Tech	11-1	934	10
L1. Texas Tech	11-1	893	11
L2. Auburn	11-2	820	12
L3. Kentucky	10-2	799	16
L4. Ohio St.	12-1	769	13
L5. North Carolina	9-3	744	14
L6. Marquette	11-2		
L7. Mississippi St.	12-1	572	19
L8. N.C. State	12-1	424	20
L9. Houston	13-0	368	22
20. Buffalo	12-1	353	21
21. Indiana	11-2	330	23
22. Wisconsin	10-3	250	15
23. Oklahoma	11-1	244	25
24. Nebraska	11-2	204	_
25. Iowa	11-2	182	24
Others receiving vote			
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116. Kansas St. 61. Villanova 43. Seton Hall 24, TCU 20, Cincinnati 14, Iowa St. 10, Florida 6, Purdue 6, Toledo 5. Louisville 3. North Texas 1.

MONDAY'S MAJOR MEN'S SCORES EAST Albany (NY) 79, Niagara 74 Creighton 79, Providence 68 Hartford 79, Boston College 78, OT Md.-Eastern Shore 68, Chestnut Hill 62 Monmouth (NJ) 76, Penn 74, OT NJIT 78, Duquesne 67 UMBC 98, Centenary (NJ) 48

SOUTH South Carolina 97, North Greenville 46 Vanderbilt 90. UNC-Asheville 59 Virginia 100, Marshall 64

MIDWEST Kent St. 71, Oberlin 48 SOUTHWEST Sam Houston St. 84, Texas Lutheran 54

FAR WEST E. Washington 65, Idaho St. 55 Gonzaga 89, CS Bakersfield 54 Montana 89, S. Utah 76 N. Arizona 74. Montana St. 68 N. Colorado 73, Portland St. 60 Pepperdine 100, Alabama A&M 64

Weber St. 93, Idaho 87

TUESDAY MAJOR MEN'S SCORES EAST St. John's 89, Marquette 69 SOUTH

Florida St. 87, Winthrop 76 Radford 80. Mars Hill 51 Virginia Tech 81, Notre Dame 66 FAR WEST San Diego St. 65, CS Northridge 60

WEDNESDAY'S MEN'S GAMES

EAST Maine at Brown, 7 p.m. Dartmouth at Vermont, 7 p.m. Lafayette at Lehigh, 7 p.m. Kennesaw St. at Yale, 7 p.m. Texas Tech at West Virginia, 7 p.m. Columbia at Binghamton, 7 p.m. Boston U. at American U., 7 p.m. Bucknell at Army, 7 p.m. DePaul at Villanova, 8:30 p.m.

Presbyterian at SC State, 6 p.m.

Nebraska at Maryland, 6:30 p.m. Florida National at North Florida, 7 p.m. Washington College (MD) at High Point, Cornell at Wake Forest, 7 p.m. Harvard at North Carolina, 7 p.m. Temple at UCF, 7 p.m. Allen at Campbell, 7 p.m SC-Upstate at Georgia Tech, 7:30 p.m. Nicholls at Northwestern St., 7:30 p.m. UConn at South Florida, 8:30 p.m.

SOUTH

MIDWEST Tulane at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m. Seton Hall at Xavier, 6:30 p.m Drake at Evansville, 7 p.m. Georgetown at Butler, 7 p.m. N. Dakota St. at Nebraska-Omaha, 8

Illinois St. at Valparaiso, 8 p.m. Missouri St. at S. Illinois, 8 p.m. N. Iowa at Bradley, 8 p.m. Northwestern at Michigan St., 8:30 Indiana St. at Loyola of Chicago, 9 p.m.

Texas at Kansas St., 9 p.m. Oklahoma at Kansas, 9 p.m. SOUTHWEST Huston-Tillotson at Prairie View, 4 p.m.

New Orleans at Abilene Christian, 7 SE Louisiana at Stephen F. Austin, 7:30 Cent. Arkansas at Texas A&M-CC, 8

East Carolina at SMU, 8 p.m. McNeese St. at Incarnate Word, 8 p.m. Lamar at Houston Baptist, 8 p.m. Tulsa at Houston, 8 p.m. Iowa St. at Oklahoma St., 9 p.m. FAR WEST

South Dakota at Denver, 9 p.m. New Mexico at Air Force, 9 p.m. Boise St. at Wyoming, 9 p.m. Fresno St. at San Jose St., 10 p.m. Bethesda at UC Santa Barbara, 10 p.m. Colorado St. at UNLV, 10:30 p.m. Utah St. at Nevada, 11 p.m.

THURSDAY'S MEN'S GAMES

Siena at St. Peter's, 4 p.m. LIU Brooklyn at Sacred Heart, 6 p.m. Holy Cross at Loyola (Md.), 7 p.m. Rider at Fairfield, 7 p.m. Fairleigh Dickinson at Robert Morris, 7

p.m. Quinnipiac at Manhattan, 7 p.m. William & Mary at Delaware, 7 p.m. Monmouth (NJ) at Iona, 7 p.m. Mount St. Mary's at St. Francis (Pa.), 7 p.m.

Coll. of Charleston at Towson, 7 p.m. Canisius at Marist, 7 p.m. Colgate at Navy, 7 p.m. Wagner at CCSU, 7 p.m. St. Francis Brooklyn at Bryant, 7 p.m. George Mason at Saint Joseph's, 7:30

Lincoln (PA) at Morgan St., 3 p.m. UNC-Wilmington at James Madison, 7 The Citadel at Wofford, 7 p.m. Mercer at Furman, 7 p.m. Coastal Carolina at Troy, 7 p.m. Edward Waters at Stetson, 7 p.m. Samford at ETSU, 7 p.m. Chattanooga at W. Carolina, 7 p.m. Marshall at Old Dominion, 7 p.m. NC State at Miami, 7 p.m. W. Kentucky at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m. FIU at Middle Tennessee, 7:30 p.m. FAU at UAB, 8 p.m. Morehead St. at Murray St., 8 p.m.

Arkansas St. at Louisiana-Lafavette. 8 UALR at Louisiana-Monroe, 8 p.m. Appalachian St. at South Alabama, 8

. Tennessee Tech at Tennessee St., 8:30 Jacksonville St. at Belmont, 9 p.m. E. Kentucky at Austin Peay, 9 p.m. Wichita St. at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.

MIDWEST Penn St. at Michigan, / p.m. Illinois at Indiana, 7 p.m. Wright St. at Detroit, 7 p.m. Iowa at Purdue, 7 p.m. N. Kentucky at Oakland, 7 p.m. S. Dakota St. at Purdue Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m.

Youngstown St. at Green Bay, 8 p.m. Cleveland St. at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. UT Martin at E. Illinois, 8:30 p.m. SE Missouri at SIU-Edwardsville, 8:30

SOUTHWEST Southern Miss. at Rice, 4 p.m. Louisiana Tech at North Texas, 8 p.m. Georgia Southern at Texas State, 8 p.m. Georgia St. at Texas-Arlington, 8 p.m. UTEP at UTSA, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Wisconsin, 9 p.m.

North Dakota at Oral Roberts, 8 p.m. FAR WEST Utah at Arizona St., 8 p.m. Utah Valley at Grand Canyon, 8 p.m. Portland St. at Montana St., 9 p.m.

Saint Mary's (Cal) at San Francisco, 9 Colorado at Arizona, 9 p.m. N. Arizona at Weber St., 9 p.m. S. Utah at Idaho St., 9:05 p.m.

Sacramento St. at Montana, 9:05 p.m. Loyola Marymount at Pepperdine, 10 San Diego at Santa Clara, 10 p.m.

New Mexico St. at California Baptist,

10 p.m. Rio Grande at UC Irvine, 10 p.m. Seattle at CS Bakersfield, 10 p.m. California at Southern Cal, 10 p.m. E. Washington at Idaho, 10:30 p.m. BYU at Pacific, 11 p.m. Stanford at UCLA, 11 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL **ASSOCIATED PRESS WOMEN'S TOP 25**

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 30, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking: Record Pts Prv

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1. UConn (31)

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3. Louisville	12-0	714	3	
1. Maryland	12-0	645	4	
5. Oregon	11-1	641	5	
S. Stanford	10-1	622	6	
7. Mississippi St.	12-1	586	8	
3. Baylor	8-1	584	7	
9. N.C. State	13-0	527	9	
LO. Tennessee	11-1	499	10	
L1. Oregon St.	10-2	452	11	
L2. Minnesota	12-0	427	12	
L3. Texas	10-2	402	13	
L4. Syracuse	11-2	369	15	
L5. Michigan St.	11-1	304	21	
L6. Kentucky	13-1	295	18	
L7. Gonzaga	12-1	234	20	
L8. California	9-2	201	14	
L9. Iowa	9-3	185	16	
20. Marquette	10-3	183	22	
21. Texas A&M	11-2	173	23	
22. Arizona St.	9-3	97	17	
23. South Carolina	8-4	76	25	
24. DePaul	9-4	72	19	
25. Iowa St.	10-2	66	_	
Others receiving vot	es: Virg	ginia T	ech	
59, Florida St. 52, Ut	ah 32, I	Miami	23,	

7, Auburn 4, Cent Michigan 1, South Dakota St. 1. INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATED PRESS BOYS TOP 10

Arizona 15, Indiana 11, South Dakota

The Associated Press Top 10 Indiana high school boys basketball teams, with first-place votes in parentheses. records, rating points and previous

SCOREBOARD

rankings: **CLASS 4A** W-L Pts Prv 1. Warren Central (13) 8-0 278 2. Carmel (1) 7-0 254 7-1 191 3. Floyd Central 9-0 163 5. Elkhart Memorial 7-1 142 10-2 115 6. Cathedral 7. Lawrence Central 8-2 105 8. Center Grove 9-3 89 10 9. Hamilton Southeastern 8-2 10. Zionsville 9-3 43 NR Others receiving votes: Homestead 32. South Bend Riley 30. Logansport 30. Penn 25. Munster 24. Valparaiso 22. Pike 19. Chesterton 18. Ben Davis 7.

Lawrence North 6. CLASS 3A W-L Pts Prv 1. Mishawaka Marian (14) 8-0 280 2. Northwestern 8-0 202 3. Greensburg 10-1 201 Culver Academy 4-2 196 5. Delta 9-0 162 6. Silver Creek 9-1 151 9 Attucks 9-3 136 10 3 6-2 105 9-2 98 8. Brebeut 9. Edgewood 10. Heritage Hills 9-1 88 NR Others receiving votes: Brownstown 38. Jimtown 15. Hamilton Heights 8.

CLASS 2A W-L Pts Prv 1. Southwestern (Jeff) (9) 11-1 256 9-1 230 2. Tipton 3. LaVille (2) 9-1 201 4. Shenandoah 7-1 198 7-3 191 Westview (3) 6. North Daviess 10-1 113 8 8-2 104 7. Linton-Stockton 89 9. Mater Dei 7-1 85 10 8-2 10. Crawford Co. 53 Others receiving votes: Heritage Christian 45. Tell City 32. Andrean 30. Park Tudor 14. Monrovia 12. North Decatus 7. Covington 7. Frankton 7. Michigan City Marquette 6.

CLASS 1A

W-L Pts Prv 1. FW Blackhawk (10) 2. Kouts (2) 7-0 228 3. University (1) 12-1 214 4. Barr-Reevew 9-2 213 5. Lafayette Catholic (1) 7-2 163 Springs Valley 9-1 116 7. Oldenburg 7-2 114 8. Cov. Christian (DeMotte) 9-2 93 9. Morgan Twp. 10. Wes-Del 6-1 81 9-2 49 NR Others receiving votes: Lanesville 33. Morristown 32. Metro 28. Shoals 21. Washington Township 17. Greenwood Christian 6

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE **Standings** EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	ОТ	Pts	GF	GΑ
Tampa Bay	40	31	7	2	64	168	117
Toronto	39	26	11	2	54	144	109
Boston	40	22	14	4	48	114	105
Buffalo	40	21	13	6	48	115	115
Montreal	40	21	14	5	47	128	128
Florida	38	17	15	6	40	124	134
Detroit	41	15	19	7	37	115	140
Ottawa	40	15	21	4	34	126	159
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	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GΑ

Washington 38 24 11 3 51 138 112 Columbus 39 23 13 3 49 129 119 Pittsburgh 39 21 12 6 48 133 115 N.Y. Islanders38 21 13 4 46 114 102 N.Y. Rangers 38 17 14 7 41 111 123 Carolina 38 16 17 5 37 94 109 New Jersey 38 15 16 7 37 113 127 Philadelphia 39 15 19 5 35 111 140 WESTERN CONFERENCE

GP W L OT Pts GF GA Winnipeg 25 12 2 52 134 111 24 15 2 50 124 104 Nashville 40 19 13 8 46 134 123 Colorado 20 16 4 44 108 106 Minnesota 38 18 17 3 39 110 108 15 21 6 36 121 153 Chicago 15 18 4 34 102 123 **Pacific Division**

GP W L OT Pts GF GA 40 24 12 4 52 141 112 Calgary 43 24 15 4 52 130 115 Vegas San Jose 41 21 13 7 49 140 129 41 19 15 7 45 102 120 Anaheim 42 19 19 4 42 124 133 Edmonton 39 18 18 3 39 111 126 39 17 20 2 36 100 112 Arizona Los Angeles 41 16 22 3 35 92 121 NOTE: 2 points win, 1 point OT loss, Top 3 teams each division and 2 wild cards per conference advance to playoffs. Monday's Games

Nashville 6, Washington 3 New Jersey 4, Vancouver 0 Carolina 3, Philadelphia 1 Pittsburgh 3, Minnesota 2 N.Y. Islanders 3, Buffalo 1 N.Y. Rangers 2, St. Louis 1 Columbus 6, Ottawa 3 Florida 4, Detroit 3, SO Tampa Bay 2, Anaheim 1, OT Los Angeles 3, Colorado 2, OT Montreal 3, Dallas 2, OT Calgary 8. San Jose 5

Winnipeg 4, Edmonton 3 Tuesday's Games Boston 4, Chicago 2 Nashville 4, Philadelphia 0 Vegas 2, Los Angeles 0

Wednesday's Games Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m. Calgary at Detroit, 7 p.m. Vancouver at Ottawa, 7 p.m. New Jersev at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Edmonton at Arizona, 9:30 p.m. San Jose at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games Minnesota at Toronto, 2 p.m. Carolina at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Florida at Buffalo, 7 p.m. Calgary at Boston, 7 p.m. Chicago vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 7:30 p.m. Vancouver at Montreal, 7:30 p.m. Washington at St. Louis, 8 p.m. Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m. Friday's Games

Winnipeg at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Columbus at Carolina, 7:30 p.m. Washington at Dallas, 8 p.m. New Jersey at Arizona, 9 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Colorado, 9 p.m. Vegas at Anaheim, 10 p.m. EAST COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE

Standings EASTERN CONFERENCE North Division

	GP	W	L	OL	SOL	Pts	GF	GΑ
Newfoundland	31	20	10	1	0	41	113	89
Adirondack	31	18	9	2	2	40	96	84
Maine	31	18	12	0	1	37	99	95
Reading	31	15	9	2	5	37	104	104
Brampton	33	14	16	2	1	31	106	108
Worcester	32	13	14	3	2	31	74	91
Manchester	31	14	15	1	1	30	99	98
	So	uth	Div	isio	n			
	GP	W	L	0L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	GP 32		L 6		SOL 0		GF 119	GA 83
Florida Jacksonville	32		6	5				•
	32 32	21 18	6 13	5	0	47 37	119	83 90
Jacksonville	32 32 32	21 18	6 13 13	5 1 1	0	47 37 37	119 99	83 90 101
Jacksonville South Carolina	32 32 32 32 31	21 18 18	6 13 13 12	5 1 1 3	0 0	47 37 37	119 99 105 106	83 90 101
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Jacksonville South Carolina Orlando Norfolk	32 32 32 31 33	21 18 18 16 14	6 13 13 12 16	5 1 1 3 1 3	0 0 0 0 2	47 37 37 35 31	119 99 105 106 96 95	83 90 101 114 129

Cincinnati

Toledo

Central Division GP W L OLSOLPts GF GA 32 22 6 2 2 48 120 74 31 21 7 3 0 45 118 99

31 17 14 0 0 34 106 109 31 16 13 2 0 34 111 95 31 16 14 0 1 33 94 98 Wheeling Fort Wayne 32 15 16 0 1 31 101 119 **Mountain Division**

Idaho Utah Tulsa

GP W L OLSOLPts GF GA 32 19 10 1 2 41 107 83 29 17 8 3 1 38 100 78 33 16 11 4 2 38 99 98 34 15 12 4 3 37 103 105 Wichita Kansas City 30 17 11 1 1 36 102 93 Rapid City 35 14 16 2 3 33 85 116 36 8 26 0 2 18 88 141

NOTE: 2 points win, 1 point OT/SO loss. Monday's Games Indy 6, Kalamazoo 2

Adirondack 3, Newfoundland 0 Manchester 3, Maine 2 Cincinnati 4, Toledo 1 Wheeling 4, Reading 0 Tulsa 3, Allen 1 Brampton 4, Fort Wayne 3 Kansas City 5, Wichita 4, OT Idaho 6, Rapid City 5

Tuesday's Games No games scheduled Wednesday's Games

Greenville at Orlando, 7 p.m. Atlanta at Florida, 7:30 p.m. Kansas City at Allen, 8:05 p.m. Wichita at Utah, 9:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games Toledo at Wheeling, 7:05 p.m. Fort Wayne at Indy, 7:05 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

HOLIDAY SPORTS TRANSACTIONS BASEBALL **National League**

CINCINNATI REDS — Traded LHP Robby Scott to Arizona for cash. **BASKETBALL National Basketball Association**

NBA — Fined Golden State G-F Andre Iguodala \$25,000 for recklessly throwing the game ball into the spectator stands during a Dec. 29 game at Portland. ATLANTA HAWKS — Transferred F Alex Poythress from Erie (NBAGL).

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Signed G-F Patrick McCaw to a two-year contract. FOOTBALL

National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS — Fired coach

Steve Wilks. Signed OL Justin Evans, OL Will House, OB Charles Kanoff, CB Jonathan Moxey, CB Deatrick Nichols, LB Pete Robertson, OL Coleman Shelton and RB Brandon Wilds to reserve/future

contracts.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Fired offensive coordinator Steve Sarkasian, defensive coordinator Marguand Manuel and special teams coordinator Keith Armstrong. BUFFALO BILLS — Re-signed QB Der-

ek Anderson to a one-year contract. CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed RB Reggie Bonnafon, LB Brandon Chubb. DB Cole Luke, DB Kai Nacua, DT Elijah Qualls, G lan Silberman, G Landon Turner. WR DeAndrew White and LB Antwione Williams to reserve/future contracts. Waived QB Garrett Gilbert. Signed OT Isaiah Battle, DB Quin Blanding, DT Woodrow Hamilton and WR Andre Levrone

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed OB Tyler Bray to the practice squad. Released OL Willie Beavers from the practice squad.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Fired coach

Marvin Lewis. Signed TE Moritz Böhringer. S Demetrious Cox. C Brad Lundblade. TE Andrew Vollert and WR Kermit Whitfield to reserve/future contracts. Signed K Tristan Vizcaino to a reserve/future DENVER BRONCOS — Fired coach Vance Joseph.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed WR Deontez Alexander, LB Garret Dooley, S David Jones, OL Jarron Jones and DE Jonathan Wynn to reserve/future contracts, Signed QB Connor Cook to a reserve/future contract. Announced the are not renewing

offensive coordinator Jim Bob Cooter's GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed TE Evan Baylis, DL Eric Cotton, OT Gerhard de Beer, G Anthony Coyle, FB Malcolm Johnson, S Tray Matthews, WR Teo Redding, LB Brady Sheldon, DL Deon Simon and S Jason Thompson to reserve/future

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released LB Tegray Scales from the practice squad. Signed S Rolan Milligan to the practice squad and G William Poehls to a reserve/ future contract.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Fired coach Adam Gase. Signed LB James Burgess, C Connor Hilland, S Chris Lammons, DT Jamiyus Pittman, J.B. Quentin Poling and DE Jeremiah Valoaga to reserve/future contracts.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Named Mike

Mayock general manager. Signed WR Saeed Blacknall, RB James Butler, LB Cayson Collins, LB James Cowser, WR Rashard Davis, DB Makinton Dorleant, P Drew Kaser, OT Jamar McGloster, QB Nathan Peterman and FB Ryan Yurachek to reserve/future contracts. TENNESSEE TITANS — Announced the retirement of LB Brian Orakpo. Signed

RB Dalyn Dawkins, OL Jamil Douglas, CB Mike Jordan, WR Roger Lewis, LB Gimel President, OL David Ouessenberry, WR Kalif Raymond, WR Devin Ross and S Damon Webb to reserve/future contracts. WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed WR Carlos Henderson, OT Roubbens

Joseph, WR ArDarius Stewart, RB Elijah Wellman, DT JoJo Wicker and C Casey Dunn to reserve/future contracts. HOCKEY

National Hockey League ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned G Calvin Pickard to Tucson (AHL) for condition-

ing purposes CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled F Saku Maenalanen from Charlotte (AHL). Reassigned F Janne Kuokkanen to Char-

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Recalled G Jack Campbell from Ontario (AHL). Loaned G Cal Petersen to Ontario. NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled F

Nicholas Baptiste from Milwaukee (AHL). NFW JERSEY DEVILS - Assigned D Egor Yakovlev to Binghamton (AHL). Placed F Taylor Hall on injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 23. Recalled D Egor Yakovlev and F Blake Pietila from Binghamton (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned D Tyler Lewington to Hershey (AHL). SOCCER

Major League Soccer D.C. UNITED — Acquired M Lucas

Rodriguez on a year-long loan from Club Estudiantes de La Plata (Primera Division-Argentina). COLLEGE DUKE — Announced junior QB Daniel

enter the NFL draft. FLORIDA — Junior DE Jachai Polite announced he will enter the NFL draft.

MISSISSIPPI — Named Rich Rodri-

Jones and junior LB Joe Giles-Harris will

guez offensive coordinator.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE — Announced junior WR Jakobi Meyers will enter the NFL draft.

OKLAHOMA — Agreed to terms with Lincoln Riley football coach on a contract

Kaden Smith will enter the NFL draft.

UCLA — Fired men's basketball coach Steve Alford. Named Murry Bartow interim men's basketball coach

STANFORD — Announced junior TE

ON THE AIR TV SPORTSWATCH

Wednesday, Jan. 2 6:30 p.m.

BTN — Men's college basketball, Nebraska at Marvland CBSSN — Men's college basketball, Tulane at Cincinnati

FS1 — Men's college basketball, Seton Hall at Xavier **7 p.m.**FS Indiana — Men's college basketball, Georgetown at Butler

ESPN2 — Men's college basketball, Harvard at North Carolina
ESPNEWS — Men's college basket-

ball, Temple at Central Florida ESPNU — Men's college basketball

Texas Tech at West Virginia FS Ohio — NBA basketball, Miami at

Cleveland NBCSN — NHL hockey, Pittsburgh at

8 p.m. ESPN — NBA basketball, Minnesota

at Boston 8:30 p.m.

BTN — Men's college basketball, Northwestern at Michigan State CBSSN — Men's college basketball, UConn at South Florida FS1 - Men's college basketball, De-Paul at Villanova

9 p.m. FS Indiana — Men's college basketball, Loyola-Chicago at Indiana State ESPN2 — Men's college basketball Oklahoma at Kansas

ESPNEWS - Men's college basketball. Iowa State at Oklahoma State ESPNU — Men's college basketball, Texas at Kansas State

9:30 p.m. $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NBCSN}} - \ensuremath{\mathsf{NHL}}$ hockey, San Jose at

Colorado

10:30 p.m.

 ${\tt CBSSN-Men's\ college\ basketball,}$ Colorado State at UNLV ESPN — NBA basketball, Oklahoma City at LA Lakers 11 p.m.

ESPNU — Men's college basketball, Utah State at Nevada

Thursday, Jan. 3

7 a.m.
OLY — Skiing, FIS Cross-Country
World Cup, Tour de Ski men's 15km Pursuit, at Oberstdorf, Germany 9 a.m.

OLY — Skiing, FIS Cross-Country World Cup, Tour de Ski Women's 10km Pursuit, at Oberstdorf, Germany 2:55 p.m.

NBCSN — Premier League Soccer,

6 p.m.
GOLF — Golf, PGA Tour, Sentry Tournament of Champions, first round, Maui,

Manchester City vs. Liverpool

Armour All-America Game, Orlando, Fla. 7 p.m.

owa at Purdue

ESPN — Men's college basketball, Penn State at Michigan ESPNU — Men's college basketball,

CBSSN — Men's college basketball, George Mason at St. Joseph's NBCSN — NHL hockey, Chicago at NY

7:30 p.m.

San Antonio FS Midwest — NHL hockey, Washing-

BTN — Men's college basketball, Minnesota at Wisconsin ESPN2 — Men's college basketball, St. Mary's at San Francisco

ado at Arizona ESPN — Women's college basketball, UConn at Baylor

10:30 p.m. TNT - NBA basketball, Houston at

Golden State 11 p.m.

BYU at Pacific

Wednesday, Jan. 2 Shawe girls basketball at South - Switzerland Co. girls basketball vs.

South Dearborn, 6 p.m. - Hanover College women's basket-

ball hosts Rose-Hulman, 7 p.m. Hanover College men's basketball at Rose-Hulman, 7:30 p.m. — Trimble Co. girls basketball hosts

Ludlow, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 3 Christian Academy of Madison boys basketball hosts Southside Chris-

Batesville, 6 p.m. Switzerland Co. boys basketball vs. South Dearborn, Rivertown Classic

at South Dearborn, 6 p.m. - Carroll Co. girls basketball at Henry Co., 7:30 p.m. Madison girls basketball hosts

New Albany, 7:30 p.m.

hosts Austin, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4

Switzerland Co. girls basketball,
 Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn,

boys basketball hosts Columbus Christian, 7 p.m. - Carroll Co. boys basketball at Gall-

 Madison boys basketball hosts Scottsburg, 7:30 p.m. - Southwestern boys basketball

> Saturday, Jan. 5 Switzerland Co. boys basketball,

Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn,

dence 6-Way, 8 a.m. Madison, Switzerland Co. wrestling, Nick Shadday Invitational at Mad-

western, Switzerland Co., Austin, Oldenburg, 11 a.m. - Hanover College men's basketball

at Manchester, 1 p.m.

— Hanover College swimming hosts Manchester at Southwestern HS, 2 p.m. - Carroll Co. girls basketball at Gall-

Southwestern girls basketball hosts Providence, 2:30 p.m. - Hanover College women's basket-

 Shawe boys basketball at Providence, 6 p.m. Madison boys basketball at

Charlestown, 7:30 p.m. Southwestern boys basketball at Lanesville, 7:30 p.m.

Hawaii ESPN2 — High school football, Under FS1 — Men's college basketball, Illinois at Indiana BTN — Men's college basketball,

SFC+ — Women's college basketball. Vanderbilt at Kentucky (webcast) ACC Extra - Women's college basketball, Pittsburgh at Notre Dame (web-

North Carolina State at Miami SEC — Women's college basketball, Mississippi State at Arkansas

8 p.m. TNT — NBA basketball, Toronto at

ton at St. Louis 9 p.m.

ESPNU — Men's college basketball, lacksonville State at Belmont FS1 — Men's college basketball, Col-

South Carolina at Texas A&M 9:30 p.m. CBSSN — Men's college basketball, Wichita State at Memphis

SEC — Women's college basketball,

ESPN — Men's college basketball, Stanford at UCLA ESPNU — Men's college basketball,

UPCOMING

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Decatur, 6 p.m. South Dearborn, Rivertown Classic at

tian, 5:30 p.m. (canceled) Southwestern swimming hosts

Shawe girls basketball at Rock Creek, 7:30 p.m. Southwestern girls basketball

Shawe girls basketball hosts Old-

atin Co., 7:30 p.m.

hosts Trimble Co., 7:30 p.m. - Shawe boys basketball hosts Oldenburg, 8 p.m.

Southwestern wrestling, Provi-

ison, 9 a.m. - Madison swimming hosts South-

atin Co., 2:30 p.m.

ball at Manchester, $\bar{3}$ p.m.

enburg, 6 p.m. Christian Academy of Madison

Snell Yeah!

SPORTS/CLASSIFIEDS

Benny runs wild as Kentucky holds off Penn State 27-24

By FRED GOODALL **AP** Sports Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. - Winning 10 games, beating Penn State on New Year's Day, and finishing in the Top 20 is no small deal for the Kentucky Wildcats.

So when Mark Stoops took a seat on the podium flanked by linebacker Josh Allen and running back Benny Snell Jr. after Tuesday's 27-24 victory in the Citrus Bowl, the coach understandably was beyond

"It was extremely important to this team, to all of us, to come home with some hardware, to come home with a trophy," Stoops said.

Snell ran for 144 yards and two touchdowns to become Kentucky's career rushing leader and helped the 16th-ranked Wildcats end their best season in more than four decades on a winning note.

"There's no question that these guys changed the culture," Stoops said. "They've done so much and meant so much to this team and this program that it was very important to finish, to collect the trophy,



win 10 games and win a game on New Year's Day. Believe me, we had a great belief that we didn't have to do anything special (to win), just be us."

Snell scored on runs of 2 and 12 yards in the second half, then carried for a couple of crucial first downs to help Kentucky (10-3) run out the clock after Penn State's Trace McSorley trimmed a 27-7 deficit to three points despite playing with a foot injury.

McSorley threw for 246 yards and two touchdowns, and the Nittany Lions' career passing and wins leader also rushed for a team-high 75 yards and one TD.

"The same thing that troubled us throughout the season troubled us here again today. Dropped balls, missed opportunities. That's really kind of the story of the game," said Penn whose team started slowly on offense, missed one field goal and had another blocked.

Lynn Bowden Jr. scored on a 58-yard punt return for Kentucky. Allen, the Southeastern Conference defensive player of the year, had three of the Wildcats' six sacks.

"The three guys we knew we needed to stop were Bowden, Snell and Allen. All three of them showed up today," Frank-

"They've built their program around those guys, they built their season around those guys," Franklin added. "They made plays. That's what great players do."

Penn State (9-4) trailed 27-7 entering the fourth quarter, but McSorley's wasn't finished. His 1-yard TD run capped a 75-yard drive, and he followed with an 18-yard TD pass to Pat Friermuth to cut Kentucky's lead to six.

The Nittany Lions marched to the Kentucky 14 on their next possession and pulled within 27-24 with 4:12 left.

Thanks to Snell, a junior who already has declared for

State coach James Franklin, the NFL draft, McSorley didn't get the ball back until just one second was left on the clock.

> Franklin declined to discuss specifics of McSorley's injury.

'We don't typically get into specifics. ... Obviously Trace was experiencing some discomfort. The doctors felt like he could go, but it really just came down to Trace on how Trace felt," Franklin said.

McSorley, who was to undergo further evaluation, said he hadn't received "definitive information" on whether his foot was broken.

"I've been through too much, the team has been through too much. ... They told me it was a matter of if I could deal with the discomfort," the quarterback said. "If I could do that, I was going to play.'

HISTORIC SEASON

Kentucky finished with its first 10-win season since 1977 — when the Wildcats went 10-1 — and just the third time in program history. The school also did it in 1950. Snell, meanwhile, broke Sonny Collins' career rushing record on his 12-yard TD run that made it 27-7 late in the third quarter.

Collins rushed for 3,835 yards PENN STATE 0 7 0 17 - 24 from 1972-75.

THE TAKEAWAY

Kentucky: Facing a tradition-rich opponent in a New Year's bowl was significant for the Wildcats, who made the most of the opportunity. Along with the three sacks, Allen blocked a field goal to key a strong defensive effort, while the offense shrugged off a slow start to help the Wildcats pull away in the second half.

Penn State: The Nittany Lions fell short of their goal to finish with 10 wins in three consecutive seasons for the first time since 1980-82. Three of their four losses were by a total of eight points.

UP NEXT

Kentucky will look to build on the success they've had under coach Mark Stoops, who has transformed them into a Top 25 team. Their 5-3 record in SEC play represented their first winning mark in the league in 41 years, spawning heightened expectations for 2019.

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KEN-Bowden 58 punt return (Butler kick), :45

Second Quarter PSU—Bowers 1 pass from McSorley (Pinegar kick), 13:56

Third Quarter KEN-Snell 2 run (Butler kick), 12:38

KEN—FG Butler 28, 12:23

Fourth Quarter PSU-McSorley 1 run (Pinegar kick),

PSU—Freiermuth 18 pass from McSorlev (Pinegar kick), 9:00 PSU—FG Pinegar 32, 4:12

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6). Penn St., McSorley 19-75, Sanders 13-51, Slade 4-27, Hamler 1-11, Jo.Brown 1-4, J.Thomas 1-0, (Team) 1-(minus 3), Clifford 1-(minus 4). PASSING—Kentucky, T.Wilson 9-15-0-121. Penn St., Clifford 0-2-0-0, McSor

0-0, Bowden 1-0, Richardson 1-(minus

ley 17-33-1-246. RECEIVING—Kentucky, Bowden 5-84, Richardson 2-12, Conrad 1-21, Bouvier 1-4. Penn St., Thompkins 4-74, Bowers 3-32, Freiermuth 2-38, Shorter 2-17, 1-41, J.Dotson 1-24.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Penn St., Pin-

Next head coach for Bengals inherits a roster that's ready for big changes

By JOE KAY **AP Sports Writer**

CINCINNATI — Bengals owner Mike Brown must decide whether to bring in another newcomer to coach his team, or return to his pattern of trusting someone he already knows well.

Whoever gets the job will inherit a roster on the cusp of significant change.

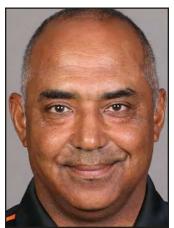
Brown parted ways with head coach Marvin Lewis on Monday after 16 seasons without a playoff win. Lewis' stay in Cincinnati — the second-longest active tenure behind New England's Bill Belichick — demonstrated how much the owner would rather stick with what's comfortable than leave his comfort zone and try someone new.

"It will be interesting to ee." linebacker Nick Vigil said. "We haven't had change around here in 16 years."

The question is how much change Brown will tolerate.

He has a history of accepting as little change and as much continuity as possible. He elevated Dave Shula from the staff to head coach in 1992, Bruce Coslet in 1996. and Dick LeBeau in 2000, all the while failing to get an elusive playoff berth.

He went against his history by hiring Lewis in 2003, and he got a playoff appearance only two years later — a lesson in how major change can work. The two formed a



Marvin Lewis

close bond that was integral to Lewis' 16-year tenure despite an 0-7 mark in the playoffs,

the worst in NFL history. Brown has several options for his next coach that could fit his comfort zone

For instance, he's familiar ith Hue Jackson, who spent eight years on Lewis' staff in a variety of roles — receivers coach, defensive backs coach, running backs coach, offensive coordinator and special assistant on defense. The Bengals quickly rehired Jackson when the Browns fired him after he won only three games in two-plus years.

Cleveland had a resurgence when Jackson left, winning five of its last seven games, including both against Cincinnati. Hiring Jackson would send a message to fans that the franchise won't change all that much.

Brown also is familiar

with Vance Joseph, who was fired Monday by the Broncos . Joseph was the defensive backs coach in Cincinnati from 2014-15. Brown also could consider someone off the current staff, although that again would reinforce the message that not much change is in the works.

Perhaps Brown will try to bring in someone from a winning organization, as he did with Lewis, hoping that jump-starts ticket sales. The Bengals' attendance has fallen each of the past three years and ranks second-to-last in the league.

In any case, change is

"It's pretty weird to know you have a new (defensive) coordinator, a new head coach, everybody," linebacker Preston Brown said. "You never know what could happen around here."

The roster turnover could intensify as well.

Lewis had the youngest team in his 16 seasons. Veterans got hurt early, forcing players into roles before they were ready. Cincinnati was among the hardest-hit teams in the league, with 18 players on injured reserve by season's end, including quarterback Andy Dalton and receiver A.J.

Dalton and Green are entering their ninth seasons. They led the Bengals to a club-record five straight play-

off appearances from 2011-15, but they lost in the first round each time. Their chances for a playoff run are starting to run out.

The defense has been led by linebacker Vontaze Burfict for the past seven years, but he may have reached the end of the line. He opened the season with yet another suspension from the league and played in only seven games because of concussions and a chronic hip problem. Burfict finished with only 33 tackles and no sacks.

Cincinnati fell to the bottom of the AFC North for only the second time under Lewis, and it'll be a challenge to escape the basement in the near

Baltimore won the division with the league's top defense and rookie quarterback Lamar Jackson, Pittsburgh expects to contend for the title next year with one of the NFL's top offenses built around Ben Roethlisberger. The Browns jumped ahead of the Bengals as Baker Mayfield set a record for touchdown passes by a rookie.

In many ways, it's like 2003 in Cincinnati again. And the owner is facing the same type of choice in his next head coach: Stay with the familiar, or go with something entirely

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LOS ANGELES (AP) - Steve Alford was fired as UCLA basketball coach in his sixth season on Monday, with the Bruins mired in a four-game skid that included losses at home to Belmont and Liberty.

Athletic director Dan Guerrero said assistant Murry Bartow will serve as interim coach through the end of the season.

UCLA is 7-6 and in danger of missing the NCAA Tournament despite a talented roster that includes sophomore Kris Wilkes and freshman Moses Brown.

Alford's final game was a 73-58 loss to Liberty on Saturday, the worst home defeat in his tenure. The Bruins committed 24 turnovers and missed a season-high 22 3-pointers. Alford called it the most disappointing loss in his 28-year coaching career.

It's unusual for UCLA to fire a coach in the middle of the season, but with the Bruins set to open Pac-12 play Thursday against Stanford at home, Guerrero is clearly hoping it spurs a turnaround.

"While Steve led us to three Sweet 16 appearances, we simply have not been performing at a consistent level and our struggles up to this point in the season do not bode well for the future," Guerrero said in a statement.

Guerrero said the terms of Alford's contract will be honored by UCLA Athletics, exclusively using department-generated

He said a national search for a new head coach will begin immediately, with former Bruins player and current Golden State Warriors general manager Bob Myers assisting. Myers was a reserve on UCLA's last national championship team in 1995.

Bartow has previous head coaching experience, having spent six seasons at Alabama-Birmingham from 1996-2002. He had a 103-83 record with one NCAA Tournament appearance. He also ran programs at East Tennessee State and South Florida.

Bartow, 57, was in the midst of his first season as Alford's assistant.

His late father, Gene, had the unenviable task of succeeding John Wooden at UCLA. The elder Bartow had a 52-9 record from 1975-77, including a Final Four appearance in 1976. He left to start the athletic program at UAB.

Alford's troubles had been mounting since the season

On Dec. 15, the Bruins lost to mid-major Belmont at Pauley Pavilion.

Four days after that, UCLA lost by 29 points at Cincinnati. The current skid, in which the Bruins have lost by an average of 15 points, is the longest since the end of the 2015-16 season and the first time the Bruins have dropped four straight nonconference games since 2010-11.

Alford had a 124-63 record in Westwood after taking over the program in March 2013. The 54-year-old coach won one Pac-12 tournament title but never a regular-season league title, and made four NCAA Tournament appearances, including Sweet 16 berths in his first two years.

But the drop-off was swift for a school that owns a record 11 national championships. The Bruins lost to St. Bonaventure in the First Four last season, the first time in school history that UCLA was relegated to a play-in

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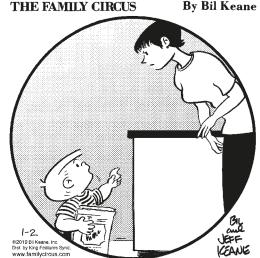
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Outlaw helps No. 10 Hokies down Fighting Irish, 81-66

By HANK KURZ Jr. AP Sports Writer

BLACKSBURG, Va. - Ty Outlaw hit the first 3-pointer, and it became his turn to carry the No. 10 Hokies in a game when four guys took turns.

"He fuels me and we feed off each other," Outlaw said of Ahmed Hill, who made consecutive baskets before Outlaw's first 3-pointer from the corner, right in front of the Virginia Tech bench, splashed through in an 81-66 victory against Notre Dame on Tuesday.

"If one of us is going, we look at the other like, 'Hey, come on.' That's what we do," Outlaw said.

Outlaw hit three 3-pointers in a 22-9 run that allowed the Hokies to pull away, then added a fourth after Notre Dame closed to within 71-60 with 3:51 to play. Earlier, Hill hit a pair of 3-pointers after the Fighting Irish closed to within 43-42 with about 15 minutes to play.

The red-hot shooting made it low stress afternoon for point guard Justin Robinson, who scored just seven points but had eight assists, moving him past youth movement group playing on Saturday.

Jamon Gordon and into third against men today. We gave place in program history with 521. Gordon had 514 between 2003-07.

"When you have four guys on the court with you that are not missing and they're making every shot, you know that you just have to hit them at the right time in the right spot or call a play that you know where they're tagging from and hit them," Robinson said.

Kerry Blackshear Jr. led the Hokies (12-1, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) with 21 points, Nickeil Alexander-Walker and Hill scored 17 apiece and Outlaw finished with 14. Virginia Tech led just 49-44 before Alexander-Walker sparked the run with a pair of driving baskets and Hill followed with two. Outlaw's trio of 3s and one from Blackshear pushed the margin back to 18 and the Irish never got within 10 again.

"They're old and they know who they are and they spread you out and make shots. Really, really good," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We're kind of a ourselves some chances a couple times. Just couldn't get over the hump on the road against a really good team. They made every big shot any time we kind of got within striking distance."

In the half, Virginia Tech was 20 for 28 (71.4 percent from the field) and made eight of nine tries from 3-point range.

T.J. Gibbs scored 19 points, 13 in the second half, as Notre Dame (10-4, 0-1) had its fourgame winning streak snapped. D.J. Harvey added 16 and Nate Laszewski had 14. The Fighting Irish made 13 3-pointers but needed 34 attempts and shot 41 percent overall (23-56).

BIG PICTURE

The Irish hurt themselves badly with nine turnovers in the first half, all coming before Virginia Tech had its first with 3:24 left in the half. The Fighting Irish finished with just 11 turnovers to seven for the Hokies, but they were fighting uphill virtually the whole game.

UP NEXT

Notre Dame hosts Syracuse

Duke remains No. 1; UK up to 13th

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) -After a light Christmas week schedule, top-ranked Duke and everyone else at the top of the AP Top 25 stayed put in a poll with few major changes.

Things could be more volatile with conference play set to get rolling this week.

The Blue Devils sat atop an unchanged top 12 in Monday's latest poll, earning 35 of 64 firstplace votes to stay at No. 1 for a second straight week. That also marked four weeks at No. 1 for the Blue Devils so far this season, more than Kansas (three) and Gonzaga (two).

Duke (11-1) hasn't played since beating No. 11 Texas Tech in New York on Dec. 20, making the Blue Devils one of five

ranked teams to be off through out the unchanged top dozen. the holiday week.

TOP TIER

Five teams are splitting the first-place votes to create a clear top tier in the poll.

Second-ranked Michigan earned nine first-place votes, while No. 3 Tennessee earned 12. Fourth-ranked Virginia and fifth-ranked Kansas split the remaining eight votes.

The gap between the Jayhawks and No. 6 Nevada is 61 points, bigger than the separation between any two consecutively ranked teams inside the top 5.

UNCHANGED

Gonzaga checked in at No. 7, followed by Michigan State, Florida State, Virginia Tech, Texas Tech and Auburn to round **RISING WILDCATS**

Kentucky was the week's highest-ranked climber, rising three spots to No. 13 after a win at rival Louisville. That was the latest sign John Calipari's Wildcats have moved well past that opening-night blowout loss to Duke.

Kentucky has won three straight games against power-conference teams, including a win against Utah and a ranked North Carolina squad in Chicago before Christmas.

MODEST BUMP

Five teams rose two spots: No. 16 Marquette, No. 17 Mississippi State, No. 18 North Carolina State, No. 21 Indiana and No. 23

COURIERAREA PLAYERS IN COLLEGE HOOPS

By DAVID CAMPBELL Courier Staff Writer

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Olivia Crozier isn't the only Courierarea player shining on the hardwood this season. As 2019 dawns, a total of six other local athletes are currently playing collegiate basketball.

Here's a look at other local athletes actively playing college basketball this season:

 KAYLEE CLIFFORD (Trimble Co., 2017), Kentucky

Wesleyan — The 5-foot-11 guard has had a strong sophomore campaign, starting eight of Wesleyan's nine games and averaging 9.8 points and 3.8 rebounds per game. She has topped double figures in scoring four times with her 20-point effort against Walsh on Dec. 13 her highest output.

 SCHUYLER EDWARDS (Shawe, 2018), Manchester

College — Edwards' freshman vear ended earlier than he would have liked with surgery for a torn ACL. He did not play in a game this season.

• KATIE HARTMAN (Madison, 2016), Hanover College — The former Lady Cub has had a breakout season in her junior year, averaging 10.3 points per game — third-best on the team — while shooting a team-leading 43.2 percent from 3-point range. She posted back-to-back 20-point games in early December with a 23-point

a career-high. • ADIDA IKONGSHUI (Madison, 2016), Western Michigan University — The 6-foot-6 junior has seen action in 10 games for the Broncos, averaging 1.7 points and 1.9 rebounds per game. He best game was on Nov. 10 against

Ole Miss when he had six

night against Franklin for a new

points and three rebounds. • NICK MACON (Madison, 2015), Huntington University Macon transferred to Huntington this past summer after three successful seasons at Warner (Fla.) in order to be closer to home. The senior has started eight games for the Forresters and is averaging 7.8 points and 5.4 assists per game. He is also shooting 46 percent on 3-point attempts and has topped double figures in assists twice, including 10 against Ohio State-Chillicothe just last week.

• BROOKE TODD (Switzerland Co., 2016), Hanover College — Todd has started all 11 games at point guard during her junior year and leads the Panthers in assists at 3.1 per game while averaging 5.9 points. Twice this season she has had at least eight assists in a game including a season-high nine against Franklin.

Crozier.

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of finding my confidence in other people.

"It's made me better as a player and it makes me have more fun because I'm challenged every single day, not just during game day, but during practice because the players on your own team are just as good as you," she said.

Samford hosts Montevallo on Tuesday and will begin Southern Conference play Jan. 12 when the Bulldogs travel to Mercer. Crozier is confident that Samford will be one of the top teams in the conference by the end of the season.

"We've had our struggles but I think we are one of the best teams in the conference. Coming into conference, it's going to say we're 4-10 but I don't think at the end of the year you'll see that continue," Crozier said. "It's a new season, I think we're going to get better and we're going to come into conference with a new mentality as a team and I think we're going to finish pretty good."

When Crozier's not playing

basketball she's preparing for her next career. She will graduate in December with a degree in nursing and she has spent the past six months preparing for that career.

Along with the normal course load for a senior and playing basketball, Crozier is also going through her clinicals, on-the-job training at the hospital. As any nurse can tell you, those clinicals are enough to wear anybody down just by themselves.

"It's been very, very, very tough ... I would get up at 4:45 in the morning and be on my feet from 6:15 to three o'clock, taking care of patients and doing a nurse's role because I'm so far into this semester I can start taking on that role," Crozier said. "I would leave there, hustle to practice, have a two and a half hour practice, have to recover, then get dinner somehow. And then I would have to study, especially if I had a test that week. Some days, I'd come into practice and have had only two and a half hours of sleep. No wonder I ended up with mono."

But she also feels like the workload will give her an advantage down the road.

"I think honestly, doing both basketball and nursing, when it's later in life, I'm going to look at something and think, 'You know what? This is nothing compared to how I was in college. I may be tired, but I don't have a two and a half hour practice after I get off work," Crozier said. "I think it builds me as a person and I'm going to be more prepared for the real world and having stress on me all the time."

After graduation Crozier plans to move back to Madison and is hopeful of working in a hospital emergency room. She also wants to get her Masters and eventually her doctorate to become a nurse practitioner.

"I used to have this dream that I wanted to be a Division I basketball player. I got that," Crozier said. "Now my dream is, I want to wake up every day and be like I can save somebody's life today. I'll be that person to see them on the worst day of their life probably and change it."



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